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The Manufacture of Tin Plate.

The processes employed in the manufacture of tin plates are pretty well known to the readers of this journal from previously published descriptions, but as we have obtained two interesting engravings from Europe, showing the manner of heating and tinning the plates as practiced in the Welsh tin plate works, a few facts respecting their manufacture may not be uninteresting:

The bars of charcoal to be made into sheets are cut to the required sizes, brought to a cherry-red heat in a reverberatory furnace, rolled out to a certain length by gauge, "doubled" and returned to the furnace, re-rolled, again doubled, heated and reheated. The several foldings of the sheets adhere slightly. After the sheets are cut down to size for tinning they are separated from each other by what is called opening. During the process of opening "stickers" and imperfect plates are thrown out, and the passed sheets then go into the "pickling room." There they are put into a hot pickle of dilute sulphuric acid, to be cleansed from oxidized and silicious matters, and undergo another rough examination in the "scouring process;" that is, any plate not cleansed is rubbed with sand and water. Defective sheets are again thrown out, and the sheets or plates are now passed into the annealing room.

ANNEALING.

The annealing furnace is a large reverberatory furnace capable of holding several annealing pots. The pot is composed of a stand of sufficient size to take the sheets, with a raised rim. Several hundred sheets are piled on the stand and a square, box shaped cast pot completes the pot. This is inverted over the sheets, and the space between the rim of the stand and the rim of the inverted pot is filled with oxide of iron, to lute it down and exclude the air. The pots are then put into the furnace until it is full, and the whole brought up to a cherry red heat, or a little beyond. About eight hours are necessary for its perfect saturation by the heat. When removed from the surface they are slowly cooled in a place free from draft, and then the pots are opened. The plates never lie perfectly flat, and should be of a dark straw color at the edges. If the air should get in in small quantities a deep blue color will cover the sheets more or less. The plates adhere slightly, are again separated, and ready for the second pickling room. The plates are then submitted to a hot, but more dilute, pickle of sulphuric acid, and again chemically cleansed; taken from the acid bath, they are well washed in running water, and kept in clean water until the tinman is ready for them.

TINNING.

The tinman takes the plates from the water bath (where they lie some hours) and plunges them wet into a bath of hot palm oil called the "grease pot." When they have acquired the temperature of the grease pot, they are removed with tongs and quickly submerged in a bath of tin. The oil mixed with the water from the plates floats at the top, forming a flux to cover the melted tin and prevent oxidation.



MANUFACTURE OF TIN PLATES.—"DUSTING OFF."

With the tongs the sheets or plates are continually kept moving and separated, to insure the tin getting between all of the sheets. When the bath has recovered its heat, which it generally does in about half an hour, the tinman examines the charge, and finding that perfect amalgamation has taken place between the two metals, he removes them, in quantities convenient, with a tongs to the next bath, which is kept at a low temperature.

The temperature raised by the change from the "tinpot" is again allowed to cool down to a few degrees over the melting point of the tin, when the plates are taken in lots of a dozen or two at a time, and laid on an iron slab which

is at the side, or head of the pot. The waste metal and grease run back into the pot, the slab being inclined. The workman then takes up sheet by sheet in the tongs, and dips each into another bath of fine metal kept at a heat little over melting point, immediately withdraws it, and places it in a rack immersed in a large pot of melted palm oil kept at the proper temperature,

fect sheets are sold as "wasters" at a less price; the sheets are counted, and the box of one cwt. is composed of 225 sheets of 14x10.

New Iron Clads.

The new British iron-clad, *Infexible*, which is to be what all her predecessors have been in

building in England for the German government, and known as *The Kaiser*, was launched on the 19th ult. The hull was laid in May, 1872, and she will be ready for sea in June next. Her length between perpendiculars is 280 feet, her breadth of beam 62 feet 8 in., her tonnage, according to builders' measure, 5063 tons, her displacement 7600 tons, and she will steam at

there runs an armor belt from 8 to 10 inches thick, with a teak backing of similar strength, while the upper and main deck beams are completely covered with steel plating. So much for her defensive powers. For her powers of attack she carries on her main deck an armored battery of eight 22 ton steel breech-loading guns arranged to fire broadside, the two foremost guns, one on each side, being also adapted for use as bow chasers, and capable of being trained to cross fire before the vessel, while the two after guns can be trained to fire within 15 degrees of the line of the keel. In addition to these there will be another similar gun of 18 tons placed aft, also protected with armor plates on a teak backing, and capable of being trained to an angle of 15 degrees each side of the middle line, thus making, with the guns of the central battery, a complete all round fire.

The New Iron Fortifications for Germany.

The *Pull Mall Gazette* says:

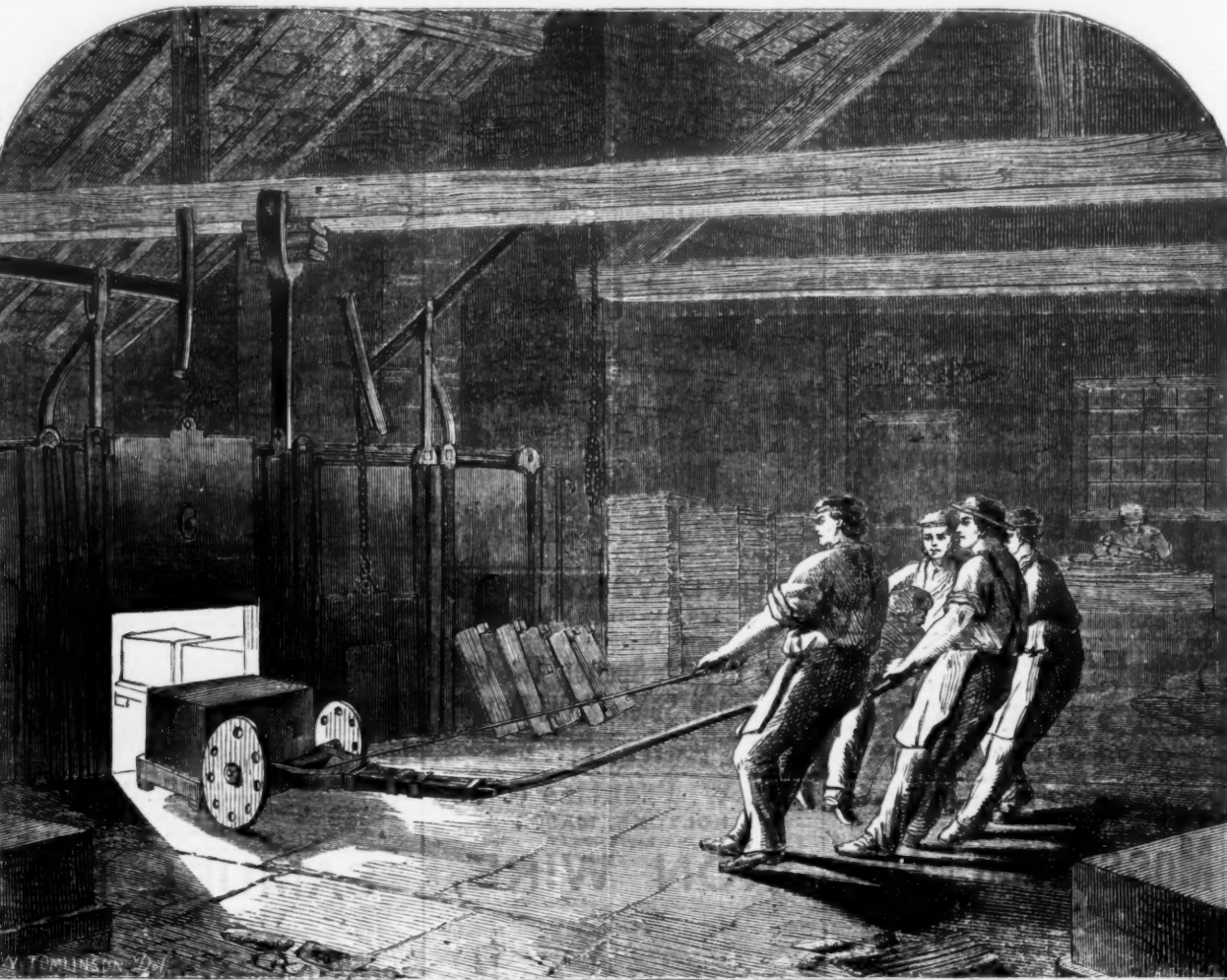
The drilled cast iron gun stands and iron clad revolving turrets, which have since 1869 been completely tested in a series of experiments on the great artillery shooting ground at Tegel, will now be used for the new works to be begun in the German fortresses.

Two of these turrets will maintain a secure communication between the forts of St. Quentin and St. Privat at Metz, and two of the flank works which will be attached to these forts, so as to command the valleys of the Moselle and the Sille, will probably be made in the form of the gun stands above referred to. All the iron for these fortifications can be cast on the spot, of any required thickness, in foundries specially erected for the purpose.

Each of the works will be constructed with a few huge plates, which will fit into one another by means of joints made in the casting. The gun stands are each made to hold one gun only, but a number of them may, if necessary, be placed side by side, and they may be connected so as to form a single work. The embrasures are made so small as to prevent the entrance of any projectile fired at them, and the whole is protected by an earthwork with apertures to carry away the gas and diminish concussion.

During the trials of 1869 seven shots from a 300 pounder (the 24 centimetre gun) hit the plate of a gun stand of this kind without disabling it for further use.

The *Troy Times* states that orders are still very slack in the mills, and that owing to the



MANUFACTURE OF TIN PLATES.—THE ANNEALING FURNACE.

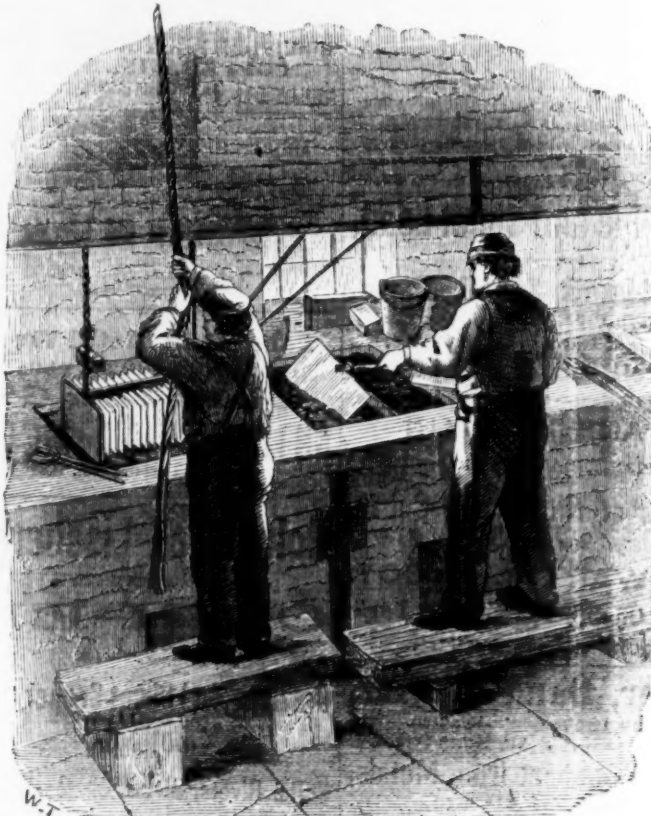
where they are allowed to remain a certain time. The sheets are then slowly lifted out of the grease by a boy, who separates them into proper lots by counting carefully, regulating the intervals of time between them. The grease recoils from the top plate, and, as little is left on the sheets, they are again placed on a rack in the open air to cool; when cool a lad takes each sheet in a tongs, and dips the lower edge into a small bath of melted tin, so regulated that the sheet can only enter to about the eighth of an inch. It is kept long enough to melt off the drops of metal which adhered to the lower edge, and when lifted the sheet is struck to throw off the superfluous metal from the edge. The plates are again put into a rack

turn, "the most powerful ship in the world," is thus described in the *London Standard*:

The *Infexible* will be a turret ship, but will carry her sides 20 feet out of water. We hardly expect that this extraordinary extent of freeboard will be maintained throughout the entire length of the ship. It may also be apprehended—as we signified some months ago—that there will be certain peculiarities in the form of the hull, to obtain buoyancy. The two turrets will carry armor of 18 inch, and will be placed on a line oblique to the keel—one to starboard and the other to port—so that both may fire at the same instant end on, or very nearly so. This is a curious arrangement, and will probably meet with certain objections. The guns will be loaded outside the turrets, the muzzles being depressed so as to receive their charge up a species of hatchway constructed for the purpose. Mechanical means must necessarily be devised for lifting and moving the heavy weights represented by the shell and the cartridge. The ship will be without rigging, but her engines are to give her a rate of speed at least equal to that of the fastest of the existing iron-clads. Despite her superlative qualities the *Infexible* will cost less than the *Minotaur*. Her gun powder will be enormous, and her armor a wonderment. At least, so we think them now. If we could only build such a vessel in a twelvemonth, instead of taking three or four years to accomplish the task, our confidence would be greater. It is now said that Krupp's breech-loading 2000-pounders are intended for sea service. As breech-loaders they are well adapted for such a purpose, providing the breech-loading is itself effective. But how rests the question of guns versus armor? Our 35 ton gun is equal to 15 inches or 16 inches of armor, and we may calculate that an 80-ton gun will penetrate 24 inches, unless the cunning device of the *Infexible* breaks up the shell outside the second plate. In such warfare as we are now contemplating the first hit may prove momentous. If an entering projectile, in addition to its own explosion, were to fire one of those huge cartridges of which we have spoken, the effect between decks would be tremendous. The mere smoke would be a serious matter—far more so than in one of Nelson's ships with its many ports and free ventilation. For humanity's sake we can only hope that these preparations for war will secure the continuance of peace.

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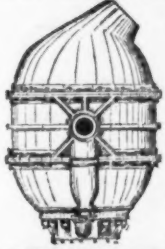
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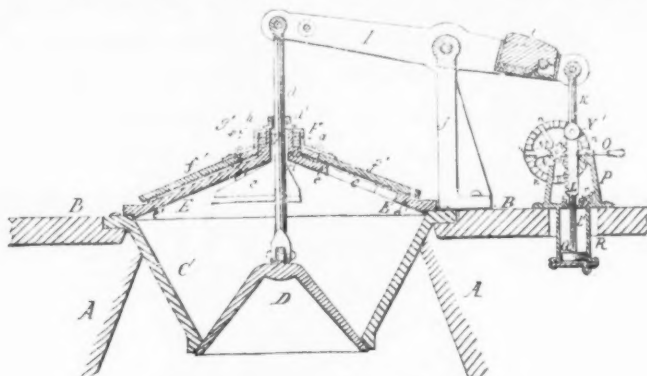
We take from the records of the patent office at Washington the following specifications of certain patents lately issued, which will be found interesting:

IMPROVEMENT IN BLAST FURNACE CHARGING APPARATUS.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. 147,808, dated February 24, 1874, issued to Peter L. Weimar, of Lebanon, Pa.:

The drawing is a plan view of improvements applied to a smelting furnace.

The invention consists in improving the well known air or gas lock bell and hopper charging device used in filling or charging iron smelting furnaces, in the following manner: First, in the combination with the crown, or top, of the well known gas lock bell and hopper charging device, which has charging passages through it, of a revolving plate constructed with a series of separated wings, or a perforated registering plate, which serves to cover the said passages, said wings or solid portions of the plate being united together in a central collar, or eye, by which they are fitted in position upon the top of the hopper. By this construction great simplicity is secured, and the apertures of the hopper can all be closed or opened at once very quickly, and while all the weight is sustained by the furnace top; and, further, the charging passages can be opened to their full capacity without any obstruction from over-hanging hinged wings or doors being experienced. Second, in the combination of hinged flap portions with the revolving collar, or eye, of the covering plate, whereby the advantages of the revolving cover are secured, and the further advantage of having the flap covers to yield or rise whenever an undue pressure or an explosion occurs below the crown, or cover, and the furnace is endangered thereby, is obtained. Third, constructing the crown, or top, with narrow circular ridges and radial ribs on its outer surface, and also with an extended hollow tube, and fitting the said revolving cover upon centralizing bearing washers of the said hub, by means of a hollow capping collar, all in such manner that the cover is suspended and can be moved around with a small amount of force, and at the same time but little friction will be experienced. Fourth, in the combination of a rack and pinion and a speed controlling or regulating device with the loaded beam and the bell and hopper charging device of a smelting furnace. Fifth, in the combination of a hand-wheel, with stop-notches on its face, a stop-lever, a rack and pinion, a loaded beam, and a bell and hopper.

A is intended to represent the walls of an ordinary smelting furnace; B, its annular capping plate; C, the flaring charging hopper; D, the bell or conical sealing valve of said hopper; E, the connecting and suspending rod of the bell; and I, the loaded walking beam, to which said rod is hung. The bell C is covered with an arching crown or top, E, in which charging passages are formed. This crown has circular and radial ribs e^1 and a shouldered hub, e^2 , formed upon it, as shown. F is a revolving cover, consisting of a central capping collar, h , and doors f^1 , and a handle by which to turn it. The collar of this cover forms, with the shouldered hub, when the former is fitted around the latter, a chamber, g , and into this chamber supporting or suspending washers g , which may be slightly springy, are arranged. These washers serve to center the cover with respect to the crown, and, when worn, can be readily replaced at small expense. The collar of the cover rests upon the washers, and by this means the covers and collar are barely allowed to come in contact with the ribbed surface of the crown E of the hopper; and, in case there is too much bearing upon the crown, a thin washer may be interposed to ease the cover slightly. The collar of the cover is fitted around the hub and washers loose enough to be revolved with small power, and as there is but little contact between the covers and the top of the hopper but little friction will be experienced. There is a hinged flap or door, f^1 , to each passage into the hopper, and there is also a blank supporting surface between each pair of the hopper passages for the respective flaps to rest upon when the hopper passages are open. The hole in the hub e is made large enough to allow ample play to the suspension rod d of the bell D, but is closed at the top by a movable collar, d^1 , which is nicely fitted on the rod d , and easily yields to all the motions of the said rod, while, by its own weight, it keeps the hole A continually closed, with its lower surface in contact with the collar and hub. The walking beam I has its support upon the standard J, fastened to the capping plate B, and the weight of the bell D and the rod d is overbalanced at the other end of the lever I by the weight, i , and, by this loaded end, this beam is connected to a vertical rack, L, by a connecting rod, K. The rack L gears with a pinion, which is on a shaft, N, which has a fly-wheel, N', on its outer end. The said fly-wheel is provided with notches n on one of its faces, and into these notches a stop-lever, O, is made to catch, when desired, to stop the motion of the beam. This stop-lever is fastened to the standard P, which supports shaft N of the pinion M and fly-wheel N'. The rack, if desired, may be extended down in form of a piston rod, L'. The piston rod L' operates a piston, Q, and the said rod and piston are fitted to a cylinder, R, provided at the top and bottom with air cocks r , to regulate the entrance and exit of air, which may be used to form a cushion to prevent violent shocks or concussions in the operation of the heavy bell during the operation of charging the furnace. Instead of this air cushion, a friction brake may be used on the fly-wheel.When the furnace is to be charged, the hopper C, which is closed above and below, is opened by turning the cover flaps f^1 aside bythe aid of the handle. The charge is then thrown, through the exposed openings e , into the hopper C and on the bell D. The openings e are then closed by turning the cover flaps f^1 backward. The weight of the charge, with the bell, overcomes the loaded end of the beam, and descends with its load, if the stop lever O is released from its notch of the wheel N, to which it is engaged. The charge sliding off the bell as soon as the opening between it and the hopper C permits has the effect of greatly moderating the acceleration of the descent of the bell, which, however, may be still further reduced by partly or wholly closing the upper cock, r , on the cylinder, R, and thereby confining the air, and effecting, by its resistance to the ascending piston, a very gradual termination of the said descent of the bell with its charge. The momentum of the descending bell being spent, the weight, i , tends to bring the bell, D, up again, and in this it may be assisted by the operator with a start of the wheel, N, backward. It is desirable to have these movements performed quickly. When the bell is nearly closing the hopper, the acceleration of its motion is counteracted by the compressed air in the lower part of the cylinder, R, which, by means of the air cock, r , may be so regulated as to cause the bell to close the hopper almost inaudibly. By opening the hopper, C, from above, it is immediately filled with atmospheric air, which, at the opening below, comes in contact with the gases of the furnace, and often forms explosive combinations, which would instantly ig-

IMPROVED BLAST FURNACE CHARGING APPARATUS.

nite and burst the furnace if the cover flaps, f^1 , were not made to yield easily to the pressure, and thus serve as safety valves.When the openings, e , are again exposed for another charge, the gases in the hopper pass therefrom in a harmless state of finished combustion, without flame or great heat, while the furnaces of the present construction on that occasion always emit a towering column of flame and smoke, and very perceptibly indicate the great waste of useful gases and other matter, which delays and otherwise injures the smelting operation. It is sometimes desirable to open the bell valve, and hold it open, and, on account of this, the rack and pinion, fly-wheel with handle, and the rocking lever are provided.

Claim.—1. The combination, with the bell and hopper of a furnace which is inclosed by a perforated crown, of a revolving cover consisting of a series of wings or a perforated plate.

2. The combination of hinged flaps with the revolving capping collar of the cover plate of the bell crown and hopper of a furnace.

3. The perforated crown of the hopper, constructed with ribs and a central hub, in combination with the revolving cover, having an annular capping collar, and with the centering and suspending washers.

4. The combination of the rack and pinion, stop-lever, notched fly-wheel, loaded beam, and bell and hopper.

5. The air piston, with regulating cocks, combined with the rack and pinion, fly-wheel, loaded beam and bell and hopper.

A "Dicey twin ship" is now being built on the Thames by the Thames Iron Works and Shipbuilding Company, under the special survey of Lloyd's, and is so far advanced in construction that she will be launched in April and ready for the service in June. The vessel is 290 feet long, with an extreme breadth of 60 feet, with the small draught of water of 6 feet, so that she can enter the ports on both sides of the Channel at all times of the tide. She will afford accommodation for upward of 600 passengers, with first and second-class saloons, ladies' and private cabins, and a sufficiency of closets; and over the saloons a fine promenade is arranged. Excellent refreshment rooms are provided, and the comfort of the passengers is in every way studied, so as to insure the success of the undertaking.

It is known that steel, when quickly cooled after heating, assumes more or less hardness and brittleness, the color, texture and density of the material being altered. As to the causes of difference between hardened and unhardened steel, there are merely conjectures on the subject. At a recent meeting of the Berlin Academy of Sciences, one of the secretaries, Dr. Du Bois Reymond, announced that a prize of £40 would be awarded in July, 1876, to any one who would best solve the problem, by experiment, whether the causes referred to were physical or chemical, or both. Accurate comparative analyses are required, especially of the relative quantities of carbon in the free and combined state, and also observations of the physical qualities of the materials. The memoir may be written in German, French, Latin or English, and is to be sent to the Academy, with sealed note and motto, before the 1st of March, 1876.

Locks and Locksmiths of Ancient and Modern Times.

A curious illustration, tending to bear out the truth of the dictum of the wisest of kings, that "There is nothing new under the sun," is the fact that it has lately been disclosed that locks with "sliders" and "tumblers" have, for many centuries been made in China, on the identical principles which have been "re-invented," so to speak, by modern English patentees. It is well known, also, that the Egyptians invented, and used in their houses a contrivance embodying all the principles of the modern tumbler lock, and which probably presented as serious an obstacle to the felonious attempts of the Theban, or Alexandrian burglar, as the late devices of Bramah, Cotterill, Hobbs, or Yale do to those of the modern house-breaker.

If the time-honored maxim, "Love laughs at locksmiths," has, like the Spanish proverb, "Held good in every age and clime," the muscles of Cupid's chubby face must have been relaxed toward that particular class of craftsmen for a period not far short of forty centuries. The Egyptian locksmith was probably the first to excite the sly god's mirth. Next in order came the fabricator of the "doore fastenings of dyverse colours, made of brass and ivory," of ancient Rome, followed by the maker of the still more elaborate serrure de Tabernacle, in the mediæval age, immortalized in early Christian missals. The locksmith of the Celestial Empire then began to make his "strange in-

struments having wooden slides," the architecture of which was peculiarly adapted to the summer-house in which the fair heroine of the "willow pattern" was kept in durance vile. Then the locksmith began to flourish in England; and, by the time of good Queen Bess, the operations of the craft were so fully established in the towns of Staffordshire—to wit, Wolverhampton, Willenhall, and Wednesbury—that Cupid must have indulged in peals of laughter worthy of the immortal Comus; and, after all the enterprise of later years, with its levers, and wards, "detectors," and master keys, the Muse of Love is still able to chant, even in the hearing of Hobbs and Chubb:

"My father he has locked the door,
My mother keeps the key,
But neither bolts nor bars can part
My own true love and me."

The Egyptian lock, the rude carvings of which are said to have embellished the walls of ancient Karak's Temple, and the Herculæum, is thus described by Mr. E. Beckett Denison, Q. C.: "In this lock three pins fall into a similar number of cavities in the bolt, and so hold it fast; they are raised again by putting in the key through the large key-hole in the bolt, and raising it a little, so that the locking pins are pushed by the key out of the way of the bolt. The security afforded by this lock is very small, as it is easy to find the places of the pins by pushing in a piece of wood covered with clay or tallow, on which the holes will leave their impress, and the depth can easily be ascertained by trial." These locks were first introduced into England by the merchants of Phenicia, who gave them to the Cornish miners in exchange for tin. Strangely enough, locks of similar construction, but evidently "home-made," are still to be found on the doors of many of the peasantry in Cornwall and Devon.

The locks of ancient Greece and Rome are quaintly described by the philosophers and poets of the time. Aratus compares the constellation Cassiopeia to a Roman key, "having a curved stem" and a handle "shaped like the south stars of the group." Curved stems were usually in the keys of that age, and the poet Ariston applies to one of those articles, the epithet, "deeply bent." Eustathius says that those ancient keys resembled sickles, and were sometimes so large as to be carried on their shoulders, as reapers bear their sickles to the harvest field. This statement is confirmed by Callimachus in his Hymn to Ceres, where he represents the priestess of Nicippe carrying a key on her shoulders. Homer's allusion to the lock and key on the wardrobe of the fair Penelope will probably be better known. The passage is thus rendered by Pope:

"A brazen key she held, the handle turned,
With steel and polished ivory adorned.
The bolt, obedient to the silken string,
Forsakes the staple as she pulls the ring.
The wards responded to the key, turned round.
The bars fly back, the flying valves resound,
Loud as a bull, makes hill and valley ring,
So roared the lock when it released the spring."

Eustathius, a Greek commentator on Homer, who flourished in the twelfth century, says that the key here referred to was very ancient, and was known as "the serpent key," from its resemblance of form. It was in use before the siege of Troy, although some writers persist in ascribing its invention to Theodorus of Samos.

The mediæval locks were, perhaps, among the most elaborate and artistic specimens of those articles ever produced. Heads, scrolls, or floral wreaths, exquisitely graven in steel, lined

the edges. Angel forms, similarly wrought, surmounted the escutcheon, like the twin guardians of the fairies' grotto; "the pantomime," while the surface of the lock presents as great a variety of leaves and flowers, all chased with the utmost skill, as Eugene Kimmel's beautiful bouquet. These locks were mostly found on the doors of the ancient Continental cathedrals, or on the magnificent cabinets for which the middle ages were so famous, and Mr. Fairholt assures us that in either case the lock constituted no mean part of the profuse decoration of the door to which it was affixed. The skill of Continental locksmiths, after a considerable slumber, was revived in the seventeenth century, in the person of M. Reigner, a French artisan, who acquired great fame as the maker of "letter locks," with which the couriers despatch boxes were secured. A Dutch writer, Von Euse, passing over the claims of his own countrymen, ascribes to M. Reigner the invention of the letter lock, which is, in reality, of Dutch origin, and was made a century before this French Chubb saw the light. An allusion to it is made in Beaumont's and Fletcher's play, "The Noble Gentleman," printed as early as the year 1615, which completely sets aside M. Reigner's claim to the invention:

"A cap case for your linen and your plate,
With a strange lock that opens with A. M. E. N.;"
and Carew, in some verses written five years later, has this reference:

"As doth a lock that goes
With letters, for till every one be known
The lock's as fast as though you had found none."

The latter quotation partly explains the construction of the letter lock, with which Mr. Reigner's name will always be connected as their most famous manufacturer. The letters of the alphabet were engraved on four parallel revolving rings, which, by pre-arrangement on the part of the owner, were made to spell a certain word, or number of words, before the lock could be opened. If even the owner chanced to forget the "open sesame" on which he had determined, like the luckless youth in the story of "Ali Baba," the door would remain closed against him, till the magic watchword was recalled.

Some of the very oldest locks made by Chinese workmen were constructed almost entirely of wood, and adorned with grotesque carvings of "celestial scenes," such as those with which modern tea caddies have made us so familiar.

Tradition assures us that locks were made in England as early as the reign of Alfred the Great, and some go so far as to say that the ingenious monarch himself, like Louis XVI, of France, was an amateur fabricator of those articles. It is true, no doubt, that even at so remote a period ingenious blacksmiths were wont to construct clumsy locks and keys, together with other articles of domestic use, when occasion demanded; but lock making was not recognized as a distinct craft in England until the fourteenth century; and two hundred years followed before it assumed proportions at all equal to those attained in earlier times on the Continent, in China, and in ancient Egypt. The locks produced in England in the fifteenth century were massive and strong, but chiefly of simple construction. Almost the only specimen now remaining is to be found on the parish church of Snodland, in Kent. In the sixteenth century commenced the display of ingenuity on the part of English locksmiths which has been uninterruptedly maintained since that time, and which forms an interesting chapter in the curiosities of industry. During Queen Elizabeth's reign, the bows of keys were usually ornamented by the insertion of a cross, and the locks were frequently made of metal, sometimes imbedded in oak cases. Latch keys—the terror of Mistress Cudde—also came into use about this period. Locks were for the first time made with alarm bells and chimes during this period. Some of these bells rang so loudly, in case of any unlawful tampering with the lock, as to arouse the whole street. Bells with chimes warned the inmates and alarmed the burglar in a much more soothing way. No sooner was the skeleton key of the intruder applied to the lock than the latter began to chime such plaintive airs as:

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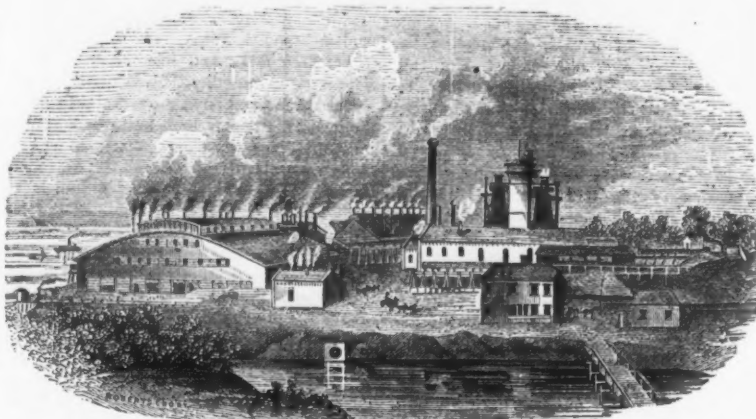
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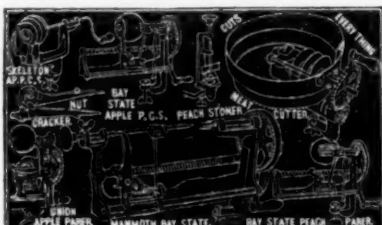
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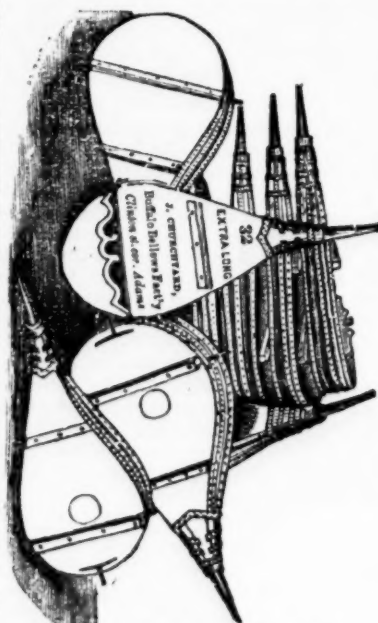
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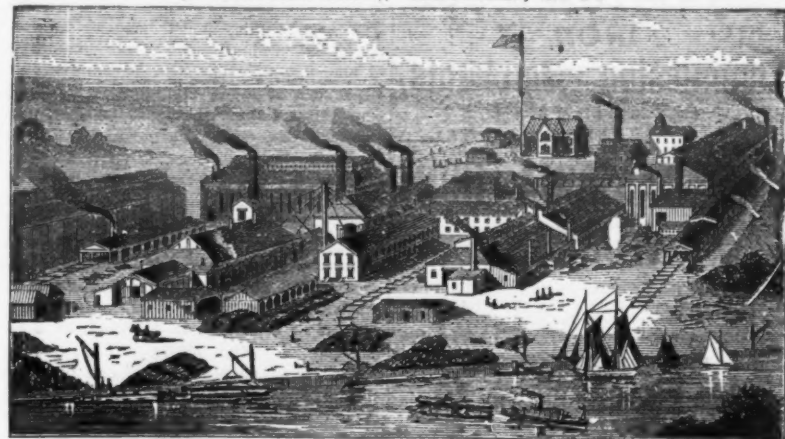
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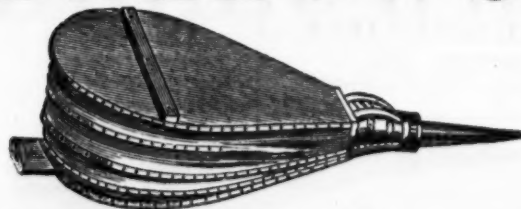
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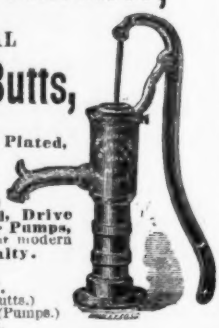
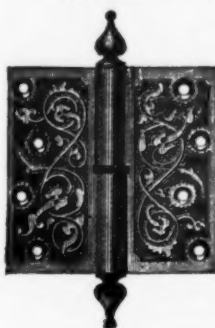
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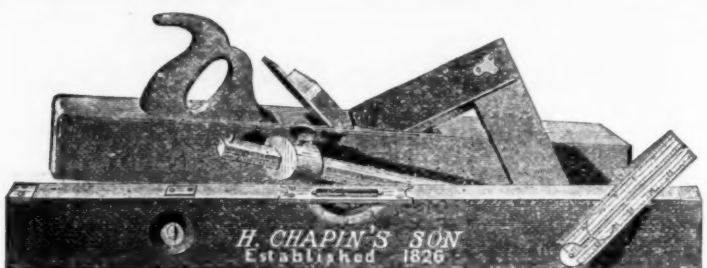
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The great majority of files are made considerably taper in their length and to terminate nearly in a point, and are called taper; some others are made nearly parallel, but with the sides somewhat arched or convex, and are known as blunt files; a very few are made with sides almost straight, and are called parallel. There are three forms of teeth made—those of double-cut files, those of floats or single-cut, and those of rasps. The floats and rasps are scarcely used but for wood and soft materials, the double-cut files being used for working on metals and general purposes. When a file is spoken of, a double-cut is always implied, unless a float or rasp is specifically named.

In the American Encyclopedia of Arts and Sciences, published by John Low, New York, in 1807, we find the following quaint description of files and the method of their manufacture:

"Files, in mechanics, are made of iron or forged steel, cut in little furrows with chisels and a mallet, this and that way, and of this or that depth, according to the grain or touch required. After cutting, it must be tempered with a composition of soot very hard and dry, diluted and wrought up with wine, vinegar and salt, the whole being reduced to the consistency of mustard. Tempering the files consists in rubbing them over with this composition and covering them with loam, after which they are put in a charcoal fire, and then taken out; by that time they have acquired a cherry color, which is known by a small rod of the same steel put in along with them. Being taken out of the fire, they are thrown into cold spring water, and when cold they are cleaned with charcoal and a rag, and kept from rust by laying them up in wheat bran. Iron files require more heat than steel ones."

So far the process of making files in 1807.

At present, the pieces of steel or blanks intended for files are forged out of bars of steel that have been either tilted or rolled as nearly as possible to the sections required, so as to leave but little to be done at the forge; the blanks are afterward annealed with great care, so that in neither of the processes the temperature known as the blood red heat may be exceeded. The surfaces of the blanks are then rendered accurate in form and quite clean in surface, either by filing or grinding. When the manufactured files are small the blanks are mostly put into shape by filing, as being the more exact method, and when they are large they are commonly ground on large grindstones as the more expeditious mode, and in some few cases, as in that of those called dead parallel files, the blanks are planed in the planing machine, the object being in every case to make the surface clean and smooth. The blank, before being cut, is slightly greased, that the chisel may slip slightly over it.

The file cutter, when at work, is always seated before a square stake or anvil, and he places the blank straight before him, with the tang toward his person. The ends of the blank are fixed down by two leather straps, or loops, one of which is held fast by each foot. The chisels vary in size and angle of edge, as does also the weight of the hammer used. The object is rather to indent than cut the steel, and consequently one level is a little more inclined than the other. The angle of the edge in the larger is about 50°, and in the smaller about 30°. The usual angles for the vertical inclination, in holding the chisel, are reported to be as follows:

For Rough rasps,	15° beyond the perpendicular.
" Rough files,	12° " " "
" Bastard "	10° " " "
" Second-cut files,	7° " " "
" Smooth "	5° " " "
" Dead Smooth cut files,	4° " " "

The blow of the hammer upon the chisel causes the latter to indent and slightly drive forward the steel, thereby throwing up a small ridge or burr. The chisel is immediately replaced on the blank, and slid from the operator until it encounters the ridge previously thrown up, which arrests the chisel, or prevents it from slipping further along, and thereby determines the succeeding position of the chisel. The heavier the blow the greater the ridge, and the greater the distance from the preceding cut at which the chisel is arrested. The chisel is again struck, the blows being as nearly as possible of uniform strength, and repeated at the rate of about 60 to 80 times a minute, until the entire length has been cut with inclined parallel and equidistant ridges. This is called, among file makers, the first course. The greater proportion of files, however, are double-cut, and have two courses. After the first has been cut the surface is smoothed over by passing a file once or twice along the face of the teeth, and again greased. The second course is then cut at about this same angle of vertical inclination as the first, and at about 5° to 10° from the rectangular horizontally. The blows on the chisel are given less strongly than in the first course,

so as barely to reach the bottom of the previous cut, and the burrs being consequently smaller the teeth are somewhat finer in the second course than the first. The teeth all incline toward the point of the file. When it is turned over to be cut on the other side, if the file be flat, a thin plate of powder is placed between it and the anvil to protect the cut teeth. Triangular and other files require blocks of lead having grooves of the appropriate sections to support the blanks so that the surface may be placed horizontally. Taper files require the teeth to be somewhat finer toward the point to avoid the risk of the blank being weakened, or broken in the act of being cut. For a double cut rectangular file eight courses are required, but eight, ten or more courses may be required to cut one rounded face of a half-round file. For various reasons chisels with concave edges are objectionable, and the rounded face must be cut in sections with the straight chisel, and as the work is light, it is generally performed in the English workshop by boys.

The teeth of rasps are cut with a punch varying in size and shape, and it is requisite that they should not be cut in straight lines, as if they were they would produce furrows on the substances to which they were applied.

In the process of cutting files and rasps almost always become more or less bent, and are straightened out while at the red heat immediately previous to their being hardened and tempered.

Before being hardened the files are drawn through beer grounds, yeast or other sticky matter, and then through common salt mixed with cow's hoof previously roasted and pounded, which serve to protect the delicate teeth of the file from being injured by the direct action of the fire. The compound serves also as an index of the temperature, because on the fusion of the salt the hardening heat is attained. It also lessens the liability of the files to crack or clink by supply carbon to the outside.

After being smeared with this composition the file is gradually heated to a dull red, and then most usually straightened with a leaden hammer on two small blocks, also of lead; the temperature is afterward increased till the salt just fuses, when the file is immediately dipped in water. It is immersed quickly or slowly, vertically or obliquely, according to its form, the mode being adopted for each variety of file which is best calculated to keep it straight. The half-round file is disposed, on being immersed, to become hollow or bowed on the flat side, and this tendency is provided for by curving it while soft in a nearly equal degree in the reverse direction, and by this compulsory method the hardening process leaves them nearly straight. If in spite of ever precaution the file should get bent in the hardening, it is straightened before it gets quite cold, or else it is partially reheated and subjected to pressure, never to blows. When straightened it is cooled in oil, which saves the teeth from becoming rusty.

To prevent the tangs from fracture they are softened either by being grasped in a pair of heated tongs, or by means of a bath of melted lead in an iron vessel with a perforated cover, through the holes of which the tangs are immersed in the melted lead heated to the proper degree. The tang is afterward cooled in oil, and when the file has been wiped and the teeth brushed clean it is ready for use.

The superiority of the file is found to depend on four points: 1. The primary excellence of the steel. 2. The proper forging and annealing without excess of heat. 3. The correct formation of the teeth; and, 4, the success attained in hardening. There is, perhaps, an equal amount of philosophy and prejudice in the methods adopted by various manufacturers for hardening files; some attach very great importance to the coating or defence, others to the medication of the water, and all to the mode of immersion best calculated to keep it as straight as possible—questions of opinion that it is impossible to generalize. One of the largest importers of files into the American market gravely informed us, not long ago, that the cause of the superiority of the Sheffield files over those manufactured in Birmingham, England, was attributable to some peculiar quality in the water with which Sheffield is supplied, and in which they are tempered and hardened. He said he had known the same qualities of Swedish iron to be used in their manufacture in both cities, and subjected to the same treatment in every particular, while the result was always in favor of the Sheffield file.

Fresh water, at a temperature of 45° Fahr., is generally considered as effective in producing the proper degree of hardness as any fluid at the same or any other temperature, and the salt on the surface of the file acts principally as an antiseptic.

The principal difference between hand and machine-cut files seems to be in the shape of the tooth or cutting surface. The teeth on machine cut files stand, as a general rule, straighter and at a less angle to the surface to be operated upon than those made by hand. The peculiar effect of the file cutters' hammer when striking a solid blow on a chisel held at an angle of 15° to 20°, and the spring of the wrist, is believed to cause the most important difference between the teeth cut by hand and by machinery. Files cut by machinery are generally conceded by file manufacturers who use only hand labor to excel the hand-cut in the regularity of the teeth and evenness of surface, and on all other points, such as steel, shaping, grinding, hardening, etc., there is little or no difference.

A considerable amount of business is done in recutting files, a work that has always been hitherto done by hand. For ordinary work a recut file is as serviceable as a new one, and much cheaper, averaging only about one-half the price. For particular work mechanics always select new files, as they are much straighter and

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The Cliffs Furnace, which was blown in on March 14th, is doing excellent work and giving good satisfaction. It has been making fifteen tons per day, and is gradually increasing, having made in the last few days sixteen tons per day.

At the Pioneer Furnace both stacks are in blast, No. 1 being on its twenty-eighth week, and No. 2 on its thirty-first. Each stack averages eighteen tons per day.

Mr. Wheaton, the general manager of the Beecher Furnace, in this city, has secured the services of Mr. George Bradley to put in a new hearth and get the stack ready for work. Mr. Bradley superintended the erection of the North Chicago furnaces, and has had twenty-five years' experience in furnace building in the old country. He may, therefore, be supposed to understand his business, and it is to be hoped, after he shall have completed his work, the furnace will be something other than a source of constant anxiety and loss to the owners. The action of Mr. Wheaton in securing the best of skilled labor is in marked contrast to the former management of the concern, and we most cheerfully score one to his credit. We desire most earnestly to see this long mismanaged enterprise put upon a paying basis, and the manager, in securing the services of Mr. Jewell in the mill, and of Mr. Taylor to put the furnace in order, has taken the most important step in the right direction.

The Grace Furnace, in this city, "blown out" on the 24th ult., having been in blast since the 25th of last June—279 days. She made in that time, notwithstanding some accidents which retarded her work, 9376 tons of iron, two-thirds of which was No. 1 foundry, and balance No. 2, with a small percentage of mill iron. These figures are exclusive of castings made, and which properly should be added to the make of the furnace. The ore used was No. 2 Lake Superior, and it is safe to say that the Grace has used up more rock and turned out more iron in the time stated than any other furnace of the same size in the country. She was doing finely when she stopped, but it was deemed prudent to blow out for repairs, as the unusually large percentage of silica in the rock ore used, together with that in the flux (Escanaba limestone), was rapidly cutting away her hearth, already greatly damaged by an explosion in her damp chamber last year. The amount of Escanaba stone required to flux the ore averaged one ton to the ton of iron made. It is understood the furnace will go into blast again as soon as the necessary repairs are made.

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J. M. Scribner, of Middleburgh, New York, for some statements in relation to a new mineral compound, which he says he has utilized in an entirely novel way, which may possibly interest our readers. Having lighted on a mine of silica and alumina of remarkable purity, and being aware that these two minerals in combination were indestructible by the blow pipe, the idea presented itself of more closely uniting them by the aid of a mineral of greater adhesiveness and equal power of resistance to heat. White clay was the mineral substance fixed upon as possessing these qualities in the highest degree, and upon experiment it was found to answer the purpose. The constituents, silica, alumina and clay (the two first having been reduced to an impalpable powder) were mixed together in equal proportions and found to combine perfectly. Mr. Scribner informs us that when applied to a stove lining the compound proved to be smoother, harder, and more effectively resistant to fire than ordinary fire brick, and that before a powerful blow-pipe at the steel works at Troy it failed to exhibit the slightest yielding or external change. He suggests the use of the new compound as a substitute for the fire brick for furnace, cupola and stove linings.

The Argentine government having purchased of the London Ordnance Company four 100 pounder steel guns, constructed on the Vau-seur system of steel tube, strengthened by steel hoops shrunk on, the guns are now, by permission of the War Department, being proved at the butts in the government marshes adjoining the Royal Arsenal, Woolwich, in order to test their quality before delivery. They are considered to be very good guns, and have stood the proof well, as also has a smaller one, called a 20 pounder. The large guns weigh four tons each, and they are muzzle-loaders. Instead of being rifled, the bore of the gun is ribbed, and the projectile is grooved to fit the ribs. It is usual for the English government to allow other nations to prove at the practice range the guns they may purchase of private manufacturers in that country.

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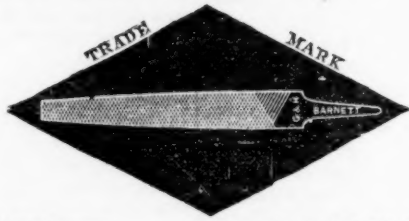
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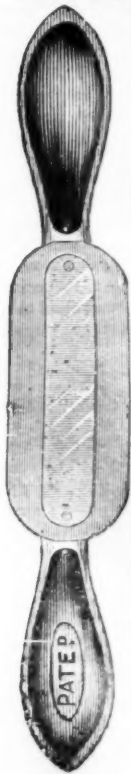
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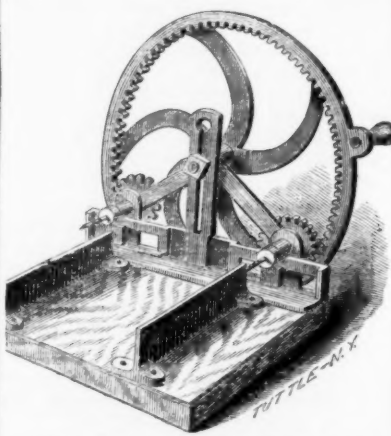
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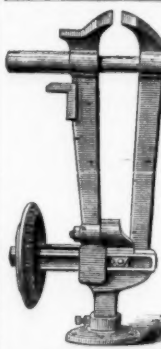
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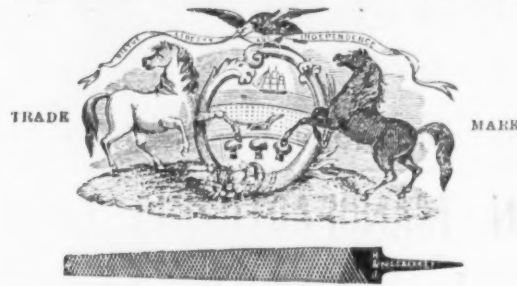
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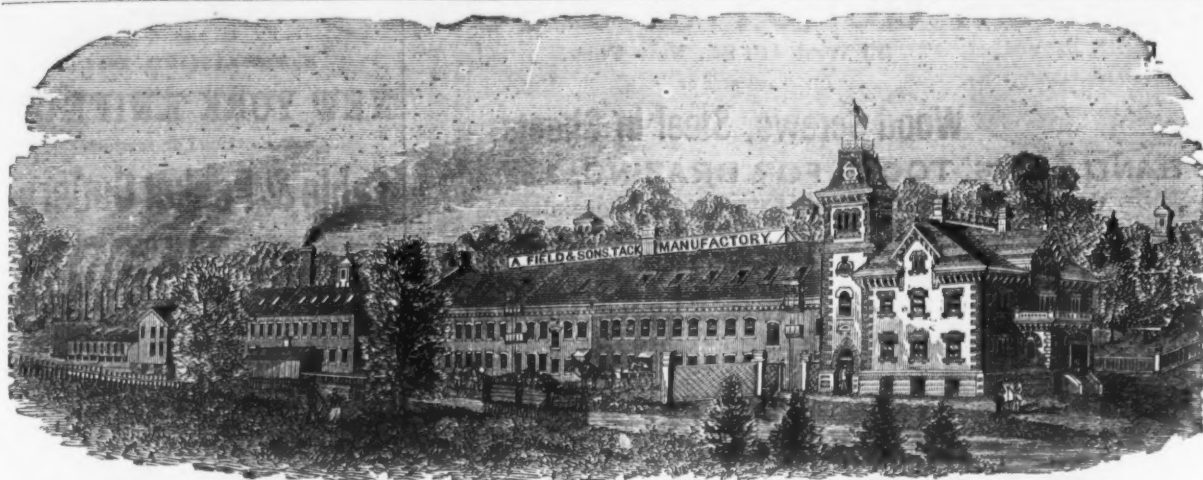
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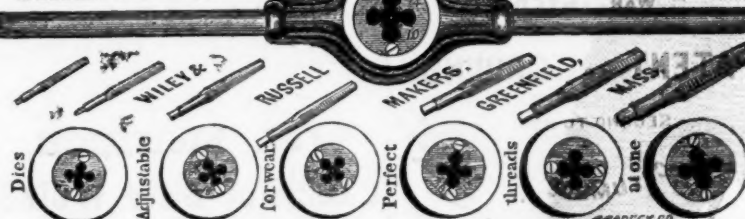
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BUSINESS ITEMS.

PENNSYLVANIA.

The Dunbar Furnace, at Uniontown, has been casting from thirty to thirty-five tons of metal per day. In a few days, when another engine will be started, it will average forty tons per day, or about twelve hundred tons per month.

Allfree & Co. have opened an extensive machine shop at Rice's Landing, Greene county. On the 1st instant the Union Iron Works, Pittsburgh, passed into the possession of Messrs. Wilson, Leggate & Co., who will commence the manufacture of railroad supplies, mainly car axles.

Knapp, Iverson & Co.'s new rolling mill at Scottsdale, Westmoreland county, has suspended operations for the present.

The Emaus Furnace, at Emaus, Berks county, was blown in on the 6th inst.

Two new furnaces are to be built at Lyons, by the East Pennsylvania Iron Company.

The Edgar Thomson Bessemer Steel Works, which are located just east of Pittsburgh, are being pushed forward rapidly to completion. The company have already on the premises the engines to be used in driving the machinery, and the blast engines for the converters are ready for delivery. The converters are finished and in readiness for removal. Messrs. Mackintosh, Hemphill & Co. are the manufacturers of the engines, and the converters were made by Messrs. Totten & Co., both of Pittsburgh. The works will be completed as soon as possible.

A heavy boiler plate mill is being constructed by A. Garrison & Co. at their works in Pittsburgh. It is for the Union Iron Works, of Buffalo, N. Y. They are also manufacturing a similar mill for Boston parties. These rolls will be 31 inches in diameter, and are among the largest in use in the United States.

NEW JERSEY.

The Cummings Car Works, at West Bergen, have recently shipped a lot of milk cars for the New Jersey Midland, and an outfit of special cars for a traveling circus.

Watts, Campbell & Co., proprietors of the Passaic Machine Works, at Newark, are building a lathe for C. H. Brown & Co., of Fitchburg, Mass., which will weigh over 30 tons when completed. The swing is 25 feet, and it is designed for the heaviest work. They are also building a large radial drill for the same firm, and a pit lathe for J. A. Roebbling's Sons, of Trenton, and a large variety of machinery for Cuba. They have recently sent to Cuba a triple effect vacuum train and strike pan, and a large beam pumping engine, with the accompanying defecators and clarifying pan, the whole weighing over 150 tons and costing over \$100,000. Their buildings consist of two foundries, 50x50 and 60x50 feet, respectively, with two cupolas, in which they averaged last year 2 1/2 tons per day; a machine shop, 100x100 feet, two stories; a blacksmith shop, 35x35; and brass foundry, 120x30 feet. Eighty hands are employed on full time.

Work is shortly to be commenced on the Green Pond Railroad, which will be four miles long, from the Green Pond Iron Company's mines in the town of Rockaway, north by east to the New Jersey Midland near Charlot-

MASSACHUSETTS.

A stock company is about to be formed to take the management of Capt. Edwin Richardson's Scythe Works, at South Fitchburg. It is to have a capital of \$100,000, and is to be known as the "Edwin Richardson Scythe Company." During the coming season the company will so enlarge the buildings and manufacturing facilities as to make the capacity for turning out scythes, etc., three times as great as at present.

The Wason Company, at Springfield, has closed contracts for new cars for the Housatonic and Connecticut Western Companies.

The Industrial Iron Works, New Bedford, will be carried on in connection with the boiler works of James C. Bradford.

CONNECTICUT.

The Mowry Axle Company have restored their employees' ante-panic wages.

MAINE.

The Camden Anchor Works, at Camden, were established in 1866, by the present proprietors, H. E. & W. G. Alden. These works cover two acres of ground, contain three large hammers, with other necessary machinery, and give employment to 50 hands. Their product comprises windlass necks, truss-shapes, anchors and chains, etc. Anchors constitute the specialty of the firm, who manufactured the first of large size ever turned out east of Boston.

The Lewistown Machine Company are now giving employment to 180 hands. They manufacture cotton machinery in great variety, making a specialty of the celebrated "Thomas Loom," of which they have the exclusive right to manufacture. Their works cover about five acres of ground. Their machinery is driven by a steam engine of 60 horse-power.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

The Manchester Locomotive Works, founded in 1854, have a capacity equal to the manufacture of 175 engines a year. Only 320 men are now employed, but the works have a capacity to employ 700. The locomotives made at these works are in use in the West as well as the East.

S. C. Forsaith & Co., Manchester, make a specialty of patent newspaper folding machines, paper cutters, bolts headers, the Palmer power spring hammer, circular saw mills, shingle mills, etc. They employ 50 hands and do a business of \$150,000 annually. Their "Abbe" bolt header, a superior machine, turns out from 2500 to 3000 bolts a day, with heads of any desired shape.

ILLINOIS.

At a meeting of stockholders of the Joliet Iron and Steel Works, April 3, the com-

mittee appointed at a previous meeting reported a proposition to be submitted to the stockholders, which is, in general terms, that the creditors be given stock in settlement of claims, and continue the works. Both creditors and stockholders are anxious to have the works resume operation, as there is now a demand for all the iron and steel that can be turned out. The report was adopted, and the meeting adjourned.

A factory has been established at Danville for the manufacture of an iron road wagon, which the inventor has been perfecting for the past two years. The Commercial says the wagon is complete and perfect in every respect, elegant in finish, capable of bearing from seven to ten tons, and the wagon itself weighing less than 1200 pounds.

WISCONSIN.

The iron works at Marinette are running their full capacity.

MISSOURI.

The St. Louis Bolt and Iron Company's mill is running extra time on large orders from the Union Pacific and Louisville and Nashville roads.

The Burning Mines.

The Wilkesbarre Record of the Times says: The fire at Kidder Slope, of the Empire mines, still burns fiercely, but is not now solid merchantable coal. The heat from the shaft near the top of the slope, from which the ventilator was burned, is strong, a thermometer held over it at the surface soon registering 120 degrees. The shanty erected over the boiler at the top of the slope, to run the fan, was burned some time ago, taking fire from the culm heap on which it was placed. The culm is burning yet, and probably took fire through some connection with the fire in the mine. It can hardly be from spontaneous combustion. The heat from the air shaft, and at points adjacent, where the fire finds vent, indicates the approach to the outcrop, and it might easily communicate with the culm, which seems to burn without preparation when its heat is not needed. The rapid extension of the fire inside is through this loose refuse coal and slate, making it difficult to cut off, but of less consequence except from its generation of noxious gases, which may trouble the miners if not subdued.

THE DIAMOND DRILL.

To reach the mine with steam or water at the point where the fire originated, a hole is to be put down from the surface, and the Pennsylvania Diamond Drill Company has the work in charge under Mr. G. Frisbie, superintendent. The machinery is up, and a pipe some ten or twelve inches in diameter has been driven to the rock, through which the drill is worked. Not being in operation Wednesday a description will not be attempted now. The drill moves with a circular motion, not up and down like one steel bitted which cuts the rock fine, but the diamonds are set in the bottom of a pipe the size of the hole to be bored and grind the way, cutting a core which extends up in the pipe. It is said to be a rapid and effective mode of sinking.

THE FIRE AT BALTIMORE MINES.

Workmen are carting earth to the opening under the rock, south of the old openings, and dumping it down shafts to cars, by which it is taken to the fire to bank it up and smother it.

The fire began at the bottom of the air shaft, about the center of some five to eight acres of the Baltimore mines, long worked out, which fell in last winter, covering steam engines at the bottom of the shaft ninety-five feet from the surface; at first the fire was supposed to be merely the shanty over the stove, which soon went out, but a few days gave evidence that the fire under the boilers had communicated to the refuse lying around, and the shaft served as a ventilator to give it headway. When roused to the danger, work was begun in earnest, but to little purpose. The shaft still burns, but the fire has spread in all directions to the extent of the fall, steam and smoke pouring out at the break in the surface, which has settled from ten to fifteen feet. The earth and rock seem to be burning wherever the fire finds vent, but on the south and east it must be bounded by the outcrop. Southwest it is but a few rods to the line of the large field which fell in years ago, where the fossil forest was discovered, from which the stump in the Court House was obtained, and on this side is the effort to stay the progress of the fire by banking.

An Interesting Suit for Damages.—The Pittsburgh Commercial says: A somewhat novel suit for the recovery of ten thousand dollars damages has been instituted by a Cincinnati rolling mill company against a former employee. The plaintiffs allege that they had employed from one to two hundred employees in their works for more than five years past; but that on the 1st of November last this employee persuaded a number of other employees to leave their employment because they were dissatisfied with the wages paid, by reason whereof they have been unable to carry on their rolling mill from November until the present time.

The company further alleges that it employed men to come from Pittsburgh to work in the mill at an agreed price, and that the defendant sought them out, and urged them to leave and not work for the firm, as they would be willing to do so for the persuasion of the defendant, who stated to them that, if they would break their contract with the plaintiffs, and go away from the city, the company would be compelled to pay its old hands in Cincinnati the price demanded; that the defendant prevented them from commencing work, and caused threats of personal danger to be sent to the workmen, causing plaintiffs a great deal of delay in commencing operations of their rolling mill, for which they ask judgment in the above amount. We believe that some two or three years ago a suit of somewhat similar character was decided by the Supreme Court of Massachusetts in favor of the plaintiff. The progress of the suit will be watched with a good deal of interest, for the principle involved is one of great importance.

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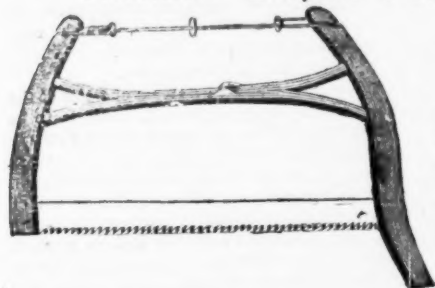


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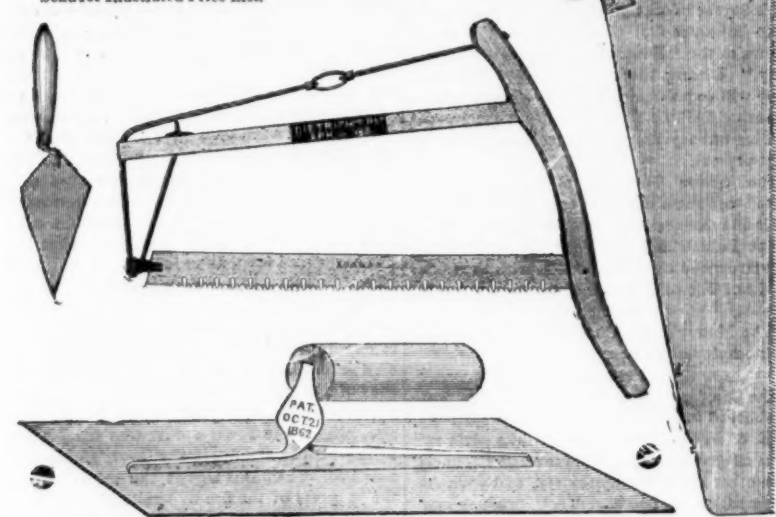
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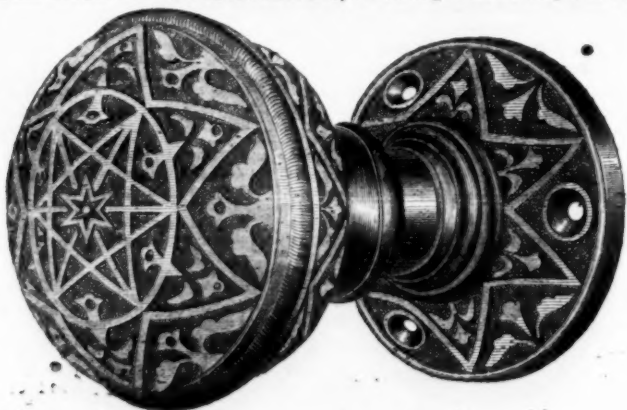
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A few months after the close of the Great Exhibition of 1851, Dr. Lyon Playfair gave a lecture on some of the results of that wonderful display, taking for his principal topic the recent advances in industrial chemistry. The production of perfumes was not the least curious of these examples. The lecturer showed that beautiful perfumes are now produced from the most trivial, and often from the most fetid and repulsive substances. If this were all, it would be a triumph of chemistry, and a benefit to mankind; but, unfortunately, the crooked commercial morality with which we are all too much acquainted, stepped in, and encourage a system of cheating and deception. It is scientific to obtain from decayed or unsightly refuse a perfume similar in odor to that obtained from a beautiful fruit or flower; but it is dishonest to call it by the name of that fruit or flower, and to charge a high price accordingly. "A peculiar fetid oil," said Dr. Playfair, "termed fusel oil, is formed in making brandy and whisky; this fusel oil, distilled with sulphuric acid and acetate of potash, gives the 'oil of pears.' The 'oil of apples' is made from the same fusel oil, by distillation with sulphuric acid and bichromate of potash. The 'oil of pine apple' is obtained from a product of the action of putrid cheese on sugar, or by making a soap with butter, and distilling it with alcohol and sulphuric acid; and is now largely employed in England in making 'pine-apple ale.' 'Oil of grapes' and 'oil of cognac,' used to impart the flavor of French cognac to British brandy, are little else than fusel oil. The artificial 'oil of bitter almonds,' now so largely employed in perfuming soap and for flavoring confectionery, is prepared by the action of nitric acid on the fetid oils of gas-tar. Many a fair forehead is damped with 'Eau de Millefleurs,' without knowing that its essential ingredient is derived from the drainage of cow-houses."

But without dwelling further at present on the rogues involved in all such misnomers and masked substitutions, let us glance at some among the almost innumerable examples of honest utilization of substances which used formerly to be denominated waste, or were at most regarded as possessing scarcely any appreciable value. Dr. Lyon Playfair adverted to some of these examples: "The clippings of the traveling tinker are mixed with the parings of horses' hoofs from the smithy, or the cast-off woolen garments of the inhabitants of the sister-isle, and soon afterward, in the form of dyes of brightest blue, grace the dress of courtly dames. The main ingredient of the ink with which I now write was possibly once part of a broken hoop of an old beer-barrel. The bones of dead animals yield the chief constituent of lucifer-matches. The dregs of port wine—carefully rejected by the port wine drinker in decanting his favorite beverage—are taken by him in the morning, in the form of Seidlitz powders, to remove the effects of his debauch. The offal of the streets and the washings of coal gas reappear carefully preserved in the lady's smelling-bottle, or are used by her to flavor 'blanc mange' for her friends." Very recently, this highly interesting subject has been traced throughout a much wider range by Mr. P. L. Simmonds, an experienced authority on all that relates to the materials for manufactures. In a paper read before the Society of Arts, he gave a wonderful variety of instances of the utilization of apparently unimportant substances. A bare enumeration of them would be beyond our limits; but it will be seen that—even leaving out all that concerns the devising of new forms of food for human beings, all that concerns the discovery of new fibrous substances for paper-making, and all the schemes for making town-sewerage available as agricultural manure—the variety is very remarkable.

Beginning with animal substances, and with such parts of them as belong to the skin, hair, and wool, we find that the skin of the dog-fish is used to make an abrading substance analogous to sand-paper. Eel-skin is made by the Americans into ropes and whip-lashes. Sole-skin is used to refine coffee and other liquids, in the manner of isinglass. Porpoise and walrus skins are tanned into shoe leather. Alligator skin is tanned by the Texans into leather much resembling fine calf. Snake skin is dressed to imitate shagreen. Old shoes and boots are "vamped" up, in Monmouth street and in Petticoat lane, the fractures doctored with "clobber," made of ground cinders and paste, and a little further life of usefulness given to them. In Yorkshire, there are "waste dealers," who buy up all the odds and ends from the woolen factories, and sell it to "shoddy" mill owners at Leeds, Dewsbury and Batley. These mill owners work up the refuse wool into "shoddy" or "mungo," mix it with a little new wool, and spin and weave it into broadcloth and doeskins, pilot cloths, druggets, coarse carpeting, baize and table

covers. Woolen rags, however dirty, are bought up, torn to shreds, cleaned, made into an inferior shoddy, and wrought into the cheapest kinds of pilot cloths, beaver-teens, Petershams, mobairs, Talmes, Raglans, paletots and other superbly named woolen fabrics. It is said that Leeds alone reproduces from rags as much wool annually as would represent the fleeces of four hundred thousand sheep. These rags may be the relics of worn out clothing, tailors' cuttings, old worsted stockings, carpeting, etc.; and there are large quantities imported from abroad, in aid of our home supply. A small portion, when ground up, makes flock paper for paper hangers; and another portion, chiefly carpet waste, is used to stuff mattresses, and also as an ingredient in the manufacture of Prussian blue. All the delicate materials for ladies' dresses, known by the names of balzines, Orleans, Couburgs, alpacas, etc., are now imitated by mixtures of wool and cotton, although they may originally have been really wool or worsted. These mixtures, when decayed by long wear to the state of rags, undergo a metempsychosis; chemicals are employed to destroy the cotton, and the residue is worked up with a little new wool into cloth. It is within the region of fair probability that some of the wool in a lady's balzarine dress this year, may form part of her husband's overcoat twelve months hence. Cow hair is used in making mortar, felt, ropes, carpets and various substitutes for horse hair. And when the ingenuity of man can find no further manufacturing uses for the above varied animal substances, the farmer is always ready to buy them as manure; two and a half pounds of woolen rags are said to contain as much fertilizing power as one hundred pounds of farm yard manure.

Turning, next, to the skeleton and the inner portion of animals, the value derived from trifles is not less remarkable. Of bones, the best parts are worked up into handles for knives, etc.; into articles of turnery, and into numerous useful productions. Some portions are used to make bone-black or animal charcoal; others are boiled to extract size for dyers and cloth finishers; and all the rest are ground up into manure for farmers. The almost incredible sum of £800,000 is said to be paid annually in England for bones. Horns and hoofs are used for so many purposes that it would be scarcely possible to enumerate them; many valuable chemical substances are obtained from these sources. Whalebone cuttings and shavings are used for stuffing cushions, etc., for fire grate ornaments and for yielding Prussian blue. Dog fat is used to prepare kid gloves at Paris, and is also made to yield an oil used as a cheap—perhaps fraudulent—substitute for cod-liver oil. Wool scourers' waste, in which tallow or fat of some kind is always an ingredient, is now made to give up the wherewithal for stearine candles. The blood of slaughtered animals is used in sugar refining, in making animal charcoal, in producing the once famous Turkey-red dye, and in many other ways. The bile or gall of the ox is used as a detergent for wool or cloth, as a medicine, and by painters for cleaning ivory tablets used in miniatures, for fixing chalk and pencil drawings, and for mixing with certain colors. Fishes' scales are used for bracelets and ornaments, and fishes' eyes for undeveloped buds in artificial flower making. Butchers' and knackers' offal is cooked up in such modes as to be acceptable as food for cats and dogs. Bladders and intestines are prepared into the cases for sausages and such like articles of food; into water tight coverings for jars and apothecaries' vessels; into strings for violins and guitars, and into the beautiful membrane named (somewhat equivocally) "gold-beaters' skin." The French buy our old written parchments, and return them to us in the form of delicate kid gloves. All the odds and ends of skin and parchment of every kind are "grist to the mill" of the glue manufacturer. Calf's feet are boiled down to yield neat's foot oil for leather dressing; and sheep's feet to yield trotter oil, not unknown to our makers of hair oil. Fish garbage, whether at our fishing stations or at markets such as Billingsgate, is always saleable as manure. Last autumn, one particular shoal of herrings off Lowestoft was so enormously beyond the wants of herring eaters, that the fishers sold the fish to the farmers at 4/6 per ton! Many a fine field of hops in Kent has been rendered fertile by a manure of sprats and old woolen rags. One more example of the utilization of animal substances we cannot resist the temptation to mention. There are certain small brown domestic annoyances which tidy housewives cannot endure to hear even named, and which have received the masquerading designation of "B flats." Now, Australia has the misfortune to be very prolific in these B flats; and an enterprising colonist has devised the means of obtaining a useful brown dye from them. Knowing as we do what kind of red dye is obtainable from the cochineal insect, we have no difficulty in believing this statement concerning another small individual. The colonist will be a real "blessing to mothers," and to households in general, if he succeeds in using up this peculiar material.

It would be scarcely possible, even if worth while, to determine whether the animal or the vegetable kingdom furnishes the larger amount of usual refuse; suffice it to say, that the vegetable contributions are almost endless in variety. Let us begin with the fibers, the great material for textile clothing. When the cotton spinners are engaged in working up the hundreds of millions of pounds of cotton which our Liverpool and Glasgow merchants buy yearly, there are five kinds of waste which become scattered about the mill—"strippings," "flyings," "droppings," "blowings" and "sweepings;" all are carefully collected, not only for the sake of health and cleanliness in the work-rooms, but because they have a money value

The "cotton waste dealers" will give for the strippings and flyings about one-half or two-thirds the value of new cotton; and for the other three kinds a price about one-eighth or one-tenth of the original value. It is supposed that there is little less than fifty thousand tons of this waste produced in Great Britain annually; it is worked up into coarse sheeting and bed covers, or is sold to the manufacturers of printing paper, to be mixed with linen rags. In the United States, the cotton waste is worked up into papier mache for tea trays and other articles. Linen rags, beside their more prominent use in paper making, are largely made into lint for surgeons during war time. Coir, the fibrous husk of the coconut, is employed as a material for matting, sacking, rope and other articles, especially where a power of resisting the attacks of insects is needed. Moss, from the woods of the Mississippi regions, is extensively used for making the bags or bales in which cotton is shipped; and when this service has been rendered, paper making affords a further resource. Sea weed is employed in France for a great variety of purposes: it is made into paper; it is used as a lining material for ceilings and walls, on account of its incombustible properties and its power of resisting vermin; and it is employed by manufacturing chemists as a substance whence iodine and acetic acid can be obtained.

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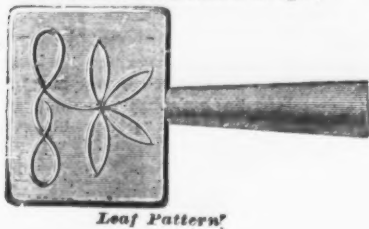
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The Boston Advertiser gives the following account of a vessel building without a frame at one of the ship yards of East Boston: She is 122 feet 6 inches long on the keel, 138 feet on deck, has 32 feet 6 inches breadth of beam and 12 feet 2 inches depth of hold, with 4 inches dead rise at half-floor. She has a long, sharp bow, with a raking stem, an upright sternpost, and a full, rounded body, indicating large capacity and buoyancy. Her keel is of hard pine, 12 by 14 inches; she has three depths of mid-ship keelsons, each 12 inches square, and assistant keelsons of 10 by 12 inches. From the keel to the deck she is built of single logs of spruce, each 12 inches square, placed one upon another, and bolted together every six inches, the bolts one inch in diameter and three feet long. The garboards are bolted alternately through the keel and each other. On the flat of the floor she has timbers of 7 by 12 inches, bolted to the bottom and ceiled with 3 inch plank, and these are the only timbers in her. She is 12 inches thick throughout, and her iron fastenings is the only substitute for timbers. Her stem, apron, cutwater, sternpost and rudderpost are oak. The main transom is also oak, 18 inches square, and at it the ends of her after-body terminate. They are not, as in other vessels, mortised into the sternpost. This gives her a very clean run. The dead-wood, which forms the center of the run, is scarfed to the keelsons. The first piece extends 14 feet inboard, the second 8 feet, the third 5 feet, and the fourth 4 feet; thus the sternpost is backed by about 12 feet of solid timber, bolted in every direction. The rudder is of a novel construction, securely braced and hung. The ends have pointers backed by hooks. The beams are 14 inches square, the carlines 8 by 10, and the deck plank is 3 3/4 inches. The beams are let into the hull, and are also strongly secured with hackmatack hanging and lodging knees, bolted every six inches. The hanging knees are sided 7 inches, have 4 1/2 feet bodies and 2 1/2 feet arms; and the stanchions are 6 by 14 inches, clamped and bolted with iron above and below. Her bulwarks are about three feet high, built solid. She will have a trunk cabin, low enough above the deck to give scope for working the mizzen boom, and the accommodations for the crew will be forward. She will have three masts, fore-and-aft rigged, and 81, 82 and 83 feet long; the bowsprit will be 20 feet outboard, the jibboom 16 feet outside the cap and the other spars in proportion. She will have wire standing rigging, cotton duck sails, and be otherwise fitted out in first-class style. Mr. Gibson, who designed and has personally superintended her construction, says that 26 tons of iron have been used in her construction, but 40 per cent. less timber than in any other vessel of her capacity, with a corresponding reduction in labor, and that, having no frames, she cannot decay, and if springing a leak the leak can be stopped from the inside. As she is an experiment, he has built her of cheap materials, but notwithstanding this he considers her much stronger, and believes will prove more durable, than if she had been built in the usual style, with frames, planking and ceiling. She will be launched about the 24th instant.

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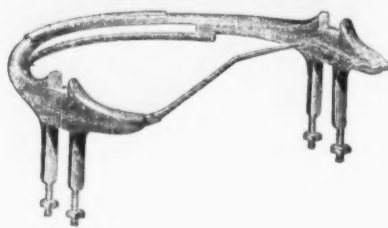
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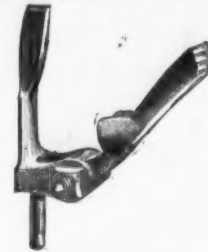


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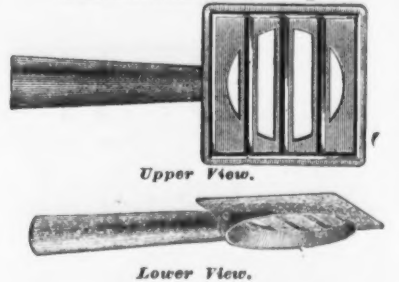
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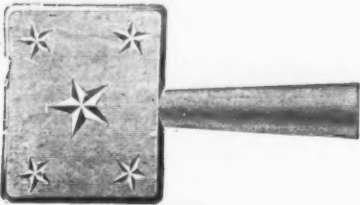


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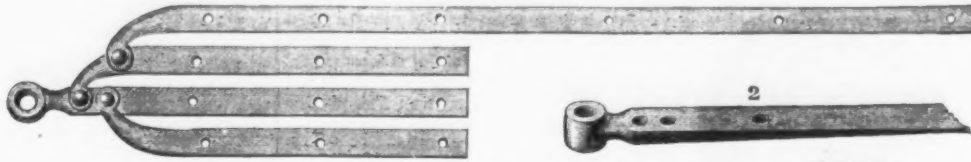
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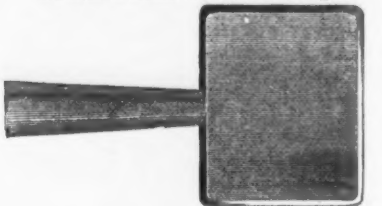


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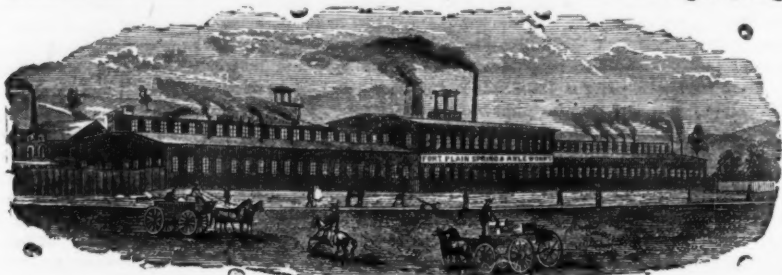
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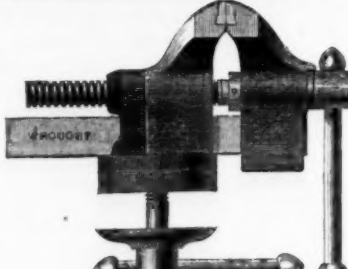
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A Plan for the Settlement of Wages Disputes in the British Iron Trade.

Mr. Thomas Barningham, of the Darlington Iron Works, has issued the following letter to employers in the malleable iron trade, in which he suggests what he believes to be a practicable method of adjusting the differences between workmen and employers, on a basis satisfactory to both parties. As his scheme may be found to contain some suggestions of interest to employers in this country, we publish the letter in full. If the men could be induced to adopt the plan, and to accept as final the showing of the auditors appointed to examine employers' books, we have no doubt it would work as well as any other plan of participation—perhaps better:

Gentlemen:—The malleable iron trade is now in a great difficulty, owing to the abnormal state of the wages question. The sliding scale, which was established some years ago, was in those days a reasonably satisfactory method of adjusting wages, and would have remained so had the price of coal continued almost stationary; but while this article has, during three years past, been increasing to upward of 300 per cent. more than its original value, the difficulties in store for the malleable iron trade were also increasing, simply for the reason that the profit out of which to pay wages had not increased at all, but have been, I believe, actually less than when coal began to advance in price. However, be this as it may, the sliding scale, acting only on the selling price of finished iron, has proved itself to be based on a thoroughly false principle. My object now is to propose a substitute which shall be so reasonable as to recommend itself to the thoughtful consideration of both employers and employed. I look at the question in the light of a partnership or firm consisting of all the employers and all the

workmen laboring together for one result, namely, profit arising out of the workmen's operations, and out of which both parties shall have an equitable and mutually satisfactory proportion. No one can deny that so far this proposition is fair and reasonable, and assuming this to be admitted, I will explain the method by which this proposition can be carried out. In the North of England we fortunately have established, in connection with the Board of Arbitration, a thoroughly reliable method of ascertaining, for given periods, the exact average selling price at which finished iron has been sold over the whole district. My idea is to increase the usefulness of this plan by ascertaining through it the whole actual average cost of production over the same period, basing the calculation on the actual average selling price of the most important of the raw materials, say, coal, iron and felling. Deducting the cost of production from the selling price, would leave the average profit per ton, to which I propose wages shall bear a relative proportion, and I need hardly say that in this lies the main virtue of my proposal. To ascertain the average cost of the raw materials, I would have the auditors to the arbitration board to examine for given periods the books of, say, all or some of the most important colliery firms, and so tabulate the whole of their sales as to be able to determine the actual average price per ton of un-screened and screened coal for manufacturing purposes. In like manner the prices of pig iron and felling could be reliably ascertained. The various firms from whom such information would be desired would, I think, readily open their books, seeing that they all have such a sterling interest in promoting the welfare of the malleable iron trade, and also because the information given would only be known to the auditors, who would simply communicate an average price of the whole. It will be seen that this method of ascertaining the cost price of finished iron entirely frees the workmen from the effects of favorable and unfavorable purchases of the raw materials by their employers.

After ascertaining the average market value, the cost sheets of the respective firms in the malleable iron trade, whether in rails, plates or bars, shall be worked out on the basis of the different prices ascertained, and when determined, the auditors would gather the whole into one grand total of weight and money, and thus arrive at the average cost price over the whole district for any given period. It would have to be assumed that each firm had about the same ability and facilities for producing finished iron cheaply, and, therefore, the cost sheets of the respective firms would be accepted in all their details, excepting in the matter of prices of coal, iron and felling, which would be furnished by the auditors. It will also be observed that the adoption of the method I advocate would give the men an incentive to work with as little waste of time and materials as possible, so that by keeping down the cost, the employers' profit is increased, and thus beneficially affect their own wages. I lay particular stress on this, as it is a well known fact that the cost of production is in no small degree affected by the neglect of workmen, and the consequent waste of materials—and this as this feature is realized by the men as a body, I feel sure there would be far more pleasure and satisfaction for all parties concerned than there has been for years past.

By way of illustrating the practical working of my proposition, I would assume that the auditors on behalf of both employers and employed have ascertained, in the manner before mentioned, the price of coal, pig iron, and felling materials, and arrange which under the auditors' supervision, and the several totals of money and weight of finished iron, produced by each firm, shall be added together, and thus arrive at the average cost price over the whole district for any given period, which, say, for example, works out to £10 15, and the average selling price (which please bear in mind is periodically determined by the means already in operation), shows over the whole district, say £11 7 6, the average profit would, of course, be £2 6 per ton. What proportion wages should bear to this amount is the important point to be decided, but, though a momentous question, I think there is with both employers and employed sufficient desire for what is only fair and just as would easily overcome this difficulty. My own idea, however, is that for puddling it would be found reasonable to pay a shilling per ton for every shilling profit, the minimum commencing at 7/6, and allowing the minimum to be whatever the profit worked to. The above example, showing 12 6 per ton profit, would give 12 6 per ton for puddling, and all other wages in the mills and other departments being in proportion. If the profit should show 15/6, then puddling would be 15/6 per ton, or higher or lower, as the case might be, for whatever the profit was, it would be the direct result of the men's labor, and their steady or unsteady attention to their duties. In conclusion, I venture to hope that the plan here sketched out for determining wages will meet with careful consideration, for I believe it would, after a short time, prove to be the missing link in the bond of union between capital and labor, which has been so long and so ardently desired by the trade.

There are, perhaps, many points which would require full explanation; if so, I should be glad, as far as I am able, to make my proposition more clear.

I am, gentlemen, yours, respectfully,
THOS. BARNINGHAM.
Darlington Iron Works, 25th March, 1874.

The Currency and Prices.

The Senate bill providing for an increase of legal tenders and national bank notes, having passed the House without amendment, now awaits the President's signature to become a law. That he will sign it is probable. Judging from the talk of the contractionists and opponents of a currency increase, such increase will cause an immediate advance in the price of everything, will give everything a fictitious and speculative value, impoverish the working classes by diminishing the purchasing power of a dollar in percentages variously calculated, and indefinitely postpone the resumption of specie payments. Now, we do not believe any such results can reasonably be expected. We do not approve the Senate bill in all respects, for the reason that it empowers the Secretary of the Treasury to play fast and loose with some \$18,000,000 of greenbacks remaining from the \$44,000,000 of so-called reserve, and to call in the \$26,000,000 which he has issued of it whenever it shall seem to him expedient to do so. It furthermore authorizes an increase of \$46,000,000 in the national bank circulation, but imposes such conditions as to bank reserves as will neutralize, in a great measure, the benefits

of the new issue. In these respects the bill is essentially defective, and should have been amended. It is not our purpose to discuss its merits, however, but merely to consider whether any such dire consequences as have been predicted are likely to result from it.

It is a very common notion among the intelligent classes of the community that if the amount of money in any country were once fixed and determined, it would represent the exchange value of all transfers of property and services, no matter what its quantity may be. We find this idea running through nearly all discussions on the state of the currency, and underlying nearly all schemes for the reform of existing evils in business. The mass of the people believe in this doctrine, and a majority even of those who aspire to recognition as public advisers not only believe it, but cite "authorities" to prove it. Hume made this mistake seventy-five years ago, and Mill repeated it as lately as 1865, in the following language: "The doubling of the money in use would do no 'good to anyone, would make no difference except that of having to reckon 'pounds, shillings and pence in higher 'numbers. It would be an increase of 'values only as estimated in money, a 'thing only wanted to buy other things 'with, and would not enable anyone to 'buy more of them than before. Prices 'would have risen in a certain ratio, and 'the value of money would have fallen in 'the same ratio. This ratio would be precisely that in which the quantity of 'money had been increased. If the whole 'money in circulation were doubled, 'prices would be doubled. If it was only 'increased one-fourth prices would rise 'one-fourth.' This is a very plausible theory, and the confidence with which it is uttered is calculated to commend it to unquestioned acceptance. Without doubt, if the pendulum of a clock beats two strokes for one to the second, the hands will make the circuit of the dial twice as rapidly, without quickening the actual flight of time. Here we have a very pretty analogy, but if we look further we will find it based upon assumptions which have nothing whatever to recommend them to attention except the mathematical symmetry of dogmatic statement.

It may safely be stated as a fact, that in no country of the world does the amount of money in circulation equal, or bear any constant proportion to, the exchange values in its markets. Before the war our gold, silver and bank note circulation never reached the sum of four hundred millions, and if from this be deducted the amount hoarded or withdrawn, the aggregate in actual circulation was probably not more than three hundred millions. Yet in 1860 the annual products of domestic industry were worth three thousand millions by the actual money standard of the time. If but two thousand millions of this went to market, and another thousand millions worth of real estate was bought or sold, and still another thousand millions paid for professional services of various kinds, which contributed nothing directly to the production of marketable commodities, we had no less than four thousand millions to be paid and received. We see thus that the relation of money to exchange values in 1860 was about one dollar to thirteen. Supposing this to have been exactly the proportion on any given day of 1860, is it probable that the letting into circulation on the following day of the one hundred millions hoarded or withdrawn, would have increased the price of all commodities thirty per cent? or would it have that much advanced any prices whatever by its own proper operation, that is, by the action of the additional sum. Is it not more likely that it would only have increased the saleability of raw materials, machinery and labor, by accelerating commercial movements and quickening the industrial activities of the nation? And would not the increased product of labor, suddenly called upon to meet the new demand—supposing peace to have continued unbroken by civil strife—have filled the markets and reduced prices by quickening the competition between producers seeking purchasers for their products? This seems to us a reasonable and common sense view of the case, and what would have happened in 1860 under given conditions, will happen under like conditions in 1874.

Whether a theory of finance is reasonable or not can best be determined by a careful examination of history. A case in point suggests itself which may be briefly considered in this connection, as bearing upon the relation of money circulation to prices. During the thirty years from 1818 to 1848, England's imports of the precious metals, in excess of her exports, averaged ten millions of dollars per annum. In this period her exports of commodities increased in quantity 236 per cent., but only 31 per cent. in value. In 1848 the value of these exports was \$640,000,000. It is prob-

able the nation retained products to an equal value for home consumption, or about \$25 worth per head of population, so that the value of the industrial products of Great Britain in that year was about \$1,280,000,000. Basing a calculation upon the percentages above given, we find that the industrial products of Great Britain declined 60 per cent. in value in the thirty years, from the \$3,200,000,000 they would have cost in 1818, to \$1,280,000,000, their actual market value in 1848, while the money of the country was increased \$300,000,000. During this period the price of food experienced only such fluctuations as resulted from causes temporary in their operations. The same was true of the prices of fuel, wearing apparel and all the necessities of life, and it is quite certain that Mr. Mill's theory did not apply to that period, at least.

If the theory to which we have alluded were true in the general application, it would be at fault in seeking to establish an exact relation between the amount of circulation and the price of commodities. No such relation exists. No one but a theorist would attempt to measure the effect upon prices of commodities, of a deficiency in the money supply in any case where money is needed, by the percentage of that deficiency. The want of money wherewith to purchase may cheapen commodities by diminishing the demand for them, and with an increase in the available money supply these prices may advance; but in the one case the decline is due to commercial stagnation, in the other the advance is due to healthy commercial activity.

If by increasing the circulation the value of money is depreciated in proportion to such increase, the difference must, of course, be added to the price of commodities, without altering their value as gauged by any fixed standard. Such, however, is not the case in this instance. No one will have any less confidence in the integrity of the government after an increase of the legal tender circulation to \$400,000,000, than he has to-day, nor will any one exchange a national bank note for a less value after an increase of national bank circulation by \$46,000,000, because of such increase, than he would to-day. We are not going to repudiate either our greenbacks or our government bonds, and no person of sound judgment fears any such result from such "inflation" as is now contemplated. That we need more currency is the almost unanimous testimony of business men in all parts of the country. The rate of interest for the use of money is steadily on the increase, and to conduct a business of any magnitude on a cash basis, or anything approaching it, is next to impossible. Everywhere we hear complaints of the difficulty of making collections, and both merchants and manufacturers are often compelled to tide themselves over seasons of monetary stringency by borrowing money at high rates, while waiting to collect good debts to an amount often far in excess of their immediate necessities. It is easy to make ingenious theories of finance to account for all this, but the merchants, the manufacturers and the farmers know that the principal reason for it is the want of more abundant currency. Ten years ago Congress fixed the amount of currency the country was permitted to have, but while the amount of this circulating medium has been steadily reduced by hoardings, destruction by fire, shipwreck, &c., the necessities of trade for currency have enormously increased—hence the necessity for a proportionate increase of currency. The plan of increase proposed in the Senate bill is not, we think, the best that could be devised, but it is infinitely better than no plan at all, and the President may sign it without any fear that its effect, as a law, will be other than generally beneficial to the commercial interests of the country.

The Foreign and Domestic Production of Lead.

The lack of trustworthy statistics from Spain has, of late years, rendered it difficult to ascertain the statistical position of lead with even approximate accuracy. About all we know of its present position was contained in a London telegram, published in the metal report of last week's issue, to the effect that the stocks in first hands in Europe are very light, and that nothing but a more active demand is needed to produce an improvement in the tone of the market, and to advance prices.

That the productive capacity of Spain is very large, and that the normal production of the Peninsula greatly exceeds that of Great Britain, is clearly shown in the last official export tables embracing the five years 1866 to 1870, which we gave in our issue of Oct. 9, 1873, under the title of "Spain's Mineral Resources and the Civil War." On referring to this government report, it will be seen, that Spain exported

in 1866, 55,350 tons; in 1870, 77,500, and that the latter consisted of 38,000 tons pig lead and 39,500 tons silver bearing lead; and that the average export during the five years was 84,140 tons, the total being 420,700 during that period, an excess of 55,000 over the previous five years' product. These 420,700 tons were extracted from 1,836,000 tons of ore, the percentage of yield of Spanish ore being very low.

During the same period, Great Britain has raised only 530,000 tons of ore, and produced therefrom 386,900 tons of pure lead, the percentage being a high one, generally 73 per cent., thus yielding on an average 77,380 tons annually. The following shows the English production from 1864 to 1868:

	Lead Ore.	Lead.
Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
1864.	94,463	67,081
1865.	90,452	67,351
1866.	91,051	67,391
1867.	98,432	68,441
1868.	95,235	71,017

Giving an average lead production of 68,286 tons. The consumption of Great Britain in 1868 was 78,789 tons, the excess of imported lead retained having been 6992 tons.

The general European production from the same statistical sources, according to the latest data then at hand, was grouped together as follows:

	Tons.
Great Britain, average of 1864-68.	68,286
Spain, 1866.	66,803
France, 1864, to a great extent Spanish.	16,062
Germany, 1867.	49,337
Sardinia, 1867.	23,255
Belgium, 1867.	10,352
Greece, 1869.	8,483
Austria, 1867.	7,537
Sweden, 1863.	254
	251,079

While Spanish production in the Southern portion of the Peninsula, where the mines are situated, has been interfered with during the winter months by the political troubles, the Laurium mines, of Greece, have been more productive than ever, yielding, as they do, 30 tons daily, with a large accumulation of ore on hand, and an added smelting capacity in new works erected during the present year. The British production in 1871 and 1872 was the following:

	1871.	1872.
Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
Lead ore.	56,986	93,905
Yielding lead.	60,455	69,056

The import and export movement in Great Britain was as follows during the past two years:

	1871.	1872.
Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
Import—Lead.	60,303	70,069
Export—Pig rolled, sheet, piping and tubing.	32,209	44,330

Excess of imported lead retained. 28,094 25,739
The export movement is detailed as follows:

	1871.	1872.
Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
To Russia.	7,933	8,032
To France.	1,494	2,022
To the United States.	3,917	8,353
To China.	8,929	7,082
To British India.	1,183	2,799
To Australia.	1,824	1,859
To other countries.	12,299	14,153
Total.	32,209	44,330

As Spain consumes very little of its own lead product, the country exports nearly the whole of it, and when the political troubles broke out in the southern portion of the Peninsula, pig lead was hurried to the ports to be shipped off, so as to save it from being confiscated as contraband of war by either of the contending forces. On the surrender of Cartagena to the national troops, it was supposed that a large accumulation of lead would be found stowed away in the city, but this was not the case. Extensive ore contracts for delivery during the current year were thereupon purchased at rather high prices, and there was every appearance of a rising market all over Europe, when the failures at London and subsequent general stagnation in the metal trades produced a contrary effect; the depression, with gradually lowering prices, having lasted since the beginning of the year in the various European consuming countries.

The present civil war in Spain is mainly confined to the northern seaboard. In the south it is limited to Catalonia, and there is no impediment to the production of lead at present. Should the Carlists be successful and capture Madrid, Andalusia, after escaping the intrinsigant troubles, may become the theatre of civil strife also, and in such an event lead production might be seriously hampered and curtailed. The magnitude of this interest in Spain we have shown, the Peninsula furnishing about one-third or one-fourth of the entire European production.

Our own annual consumption now amounts to 60,000 tons, about half of which we, in normal times, produce ourselves, and the other half we have to import. Our production has been steadily on the increase, while our imports have grown gradually less. The following shows our importations for a series of years:

	Tons.	Tons.
1862.	36,300	32,255
1863.	12,600	35,111
1864.	27,900	28,660
1865.	13,600	28,000
1866.	27,300	29,250
1867.	23,225	29,000

Domestic production during the current year is likely to be considerably less than

that of last year, when we turned out 20,000 tons from the West and 9000 from bullion on the seaboard. The late panic compelled a good many smelting establishments to suspend work, and they have remained closed ever since. Until confidence in trade circles is fully restored, it is not likely that these less favored establishments will resume operations. Consumption, on the other hand, with less building going on all over the country, is not likely to be very great. But however this may be, lead is not a speculative metal, although it may be temporarily depressed by circumstances, as at the present time in Europe; and when thus depressed consumers cannot well make a mistake by anticipating future requirements to a liberal extent.

Strikes and Rumors of Strikes.

The old proverb, "Experience teaches fools," is only partially true in the case of our puddlers and other iron workers. At least, it is true only so far as the fools who are said to be taught by experience have themselves suffered the consequences of their own folly, and does not apply to those who have only witnessed, in the cases of other fools, the punishment of follies akin to their own. For instance: The puddlers in the mills about Harrisburgh, after a four months' strike in consequence of a reduction of their wages from \$6 per day to \$5, have gone to work on employers' terms, and openly severed their connection with the union, which betrayed them into an act from the consequences of which they have suffered heavily, and will continue to suffer for years to come. If the men had had any judgment, or sufficient collective intelligence to see that a reduction of wages from last year's average is the only condition on which it is possible for a majority of manufacturers to continue operations this season, they would probably accept the situation and work for such wages as employers can afford to pay. But they are as blind to their own interest as they are indifferent to the interests of the masters. In the vicinity of Reading and other centers of iron manufacture the puddlers are getting ready to repeat the foolishness of the Harrisburgh operatives. A few days ago a conference of the United Sons of Vulcan was held at Reading, at which the subject of a general strike was discussed, and the following adopted as the men's ultimatum to the employers:

We propose to go by market prices. If iron sells at \$75 to \$76 per ton, the boiling price shall be \$6-75, helpers to be paid by the heat, 48 cents. When puddling is \$5-75, no allowance to be received from the companies. If iron advances \$5 per ton, the price for boiling shall be increased 25 cents. If there be a decrease in the price, the puddling rates shall fall in proportion—all questions of differences to be settled by arbitration, the wages to be decided by the average price of iron during each preceding month. Pay day shall be the third Saturday of each month.

Naturally, the ironmasters are determined not to accept this proposition, and as the union is well supplied with funds, a general strike is not improbable. The men in several large establishments have already struck, and others have made demands which cannot be met. From many parts of the country we hear the same story, and several of our largest establishments are standing idle because the men will not work for the highest wages which employers can afford to give. If the men can thus stand idle at a time when those in other trades who have steady employment consider themselves fortunate, and when a majority of the masters are trembling at the prospects of the immediate future, surely the time has come when active measures for the repression of the unions are imperatively demanded. The masters must combine for their own protection, and when the struggle is that of combined labor against combined capital, the masters will only need to keep faith with each other to break the unions and emancipate the workmen from the tyrannical rule to which they have so long submitted. In our judgment, the only way in which the evil of strikes can be met is by an agreement among employers to hire no man who cannot show a discharge from his last place. This may seem to be a violent remedy, but the circumstances will justify recourse to any expedient which may be needed to save the iron trade from utter demoralization.

Plan for an Indo-European Railway.

The project of a railway to connect Western Europe with the richest portions of Central Asia and, further on in the future, the far eastern parts of the Continent, has lately attracted a much larger degree of attention in Europe, but particularly in England and Russia, than was ever previously bestowed upon it. The more intelligent classes of the people of India are likewise beginning to look upon the proposed railway with some appreciation of its importance to Asiatic welfare. The plan is that of M. Ferdinand de Lesseps, and aims to unite directly the

south, and indirectly the west, of Europe with Central Asia by way of Russian territory. The Indian opinion of the proper relations between Great Britain and Russia regarding the Asian possessions of the former will have a great influence in determining the national jurisdictions through which the route should run, if it ever develop into an undertaking. One of the most credited organs of public opinion in British India, the *Bombay Gazette*, treated of these relations and of the benefits of the proposed railway very fully in its issue of January 10 ult., and earnestly desires its success. M. De Lesseps' project is not the first of its kind, but it is the first that has ever had the advantage of being favored by British and Continental capitalists. The *Bombay Gazette* thus speaks of the line which M. De Lesseps has chosen for his railway:

It is needless for us to say that the route which M. de Lesseps has chosen for his line is not one that commends itself to Anglo-Indian politicians, whose chief desire is to keep any overland railway that may be made well out of the reach of Russia. Sir Henry Rawlinson's line from Constantinople through Persia answers the Anglo-Indian definition of a safe line, and it has also the recommendation that it would be the shortest line from Europe to India. But the failure of the Euphrates Valley Railway scheme and of Baron Reuter's concession has proved that the English government will not take upon itself the responsibility of assuming in Turkey and Persia that control over the native governments which is demanded as a security by European capitalists before they will invest their money in a railway running through those misgoverned countries. M. de Lesseps claims, on the other hand, for his scheme that it will run in Asia only through Russian and English territory, for he considers that the Russian frontier really extends to the Oxus, and that Afghanistan is practically one of the protected States of the Indian Empire. If, then, he can get both England and Russia to agree that his project is a good one, the thing is done. And why should they not agree? We are thankful to believe that at least the government of India has fairly abandoned the obsolete and stupid foreign policy of treating the Himalayas as a sort of natural Chinese wall for the English possessions in India, and of discouraging any kind of intercourse between India and the countries beyond those mountains. It is certain, too, that if Russia and England are to meet one another some day in deadly strife for the dominion of Asia, the existence of a railway will give no advantage to one combatant over the other, while in times of peace—that is, for 19 years out of every 20—it must do infinite service to both States. Our own belief is that an overland railway will be specially beneficial to India, because it cannot but develop native trade, which is now checked by the dread of the people of this country have of crossing the sea. The scheme, however, is yet in its infancy, and the main object of the journey of M. Victor de Lesseps and Mr. Stuart is to consult the leading political, commercial and railway authorities in India, and with the help of what they hear, and what they may observe for themselves during a few months' stay in Upper India, to collect statistics which will justify the formation of a company to make preliminary surveys of the territory from Peshawar across the Hindoo Koosh to the Oxus. We heartily wish success to the enterprise, and we are sure M. de Lesseps and Mr. Stuart may count on obtaining the courteous co-operation of the Indian government and public.

The foregoing observations contain an indication of the principles which ought to guide the active policy of the Indian government. As regard the particular route that may finally be chosen, the reasons are obvious why it ought to pass through territory subject only to European dominion. Speaking of the sentiments expressed by the *Bombay Gazette*, the Russian *Golos* says: The political press of British India begins to speak favorably of the new project. The only objection expressed by the masters of India is that ancient and unfounded fear that India may become necessary to Russia at some more or less distant epoch. How strange it is that in Europe civilized nations should be able to exist in all the relations of good neighborhood, and without attempts to subjugate each other, but that the question should immediately present a different aspect when it relates to Asia. There, two civilized nations having become neighbors, must, therefore, begin a death-struggle for the dominion of Asia. We confess that this idea is beyond our comprehension, and we think it quite possible that in Asia, as well as in Europe, we could desire to remain at peace with a good neighbor. We are informed that, in consequence of a report submitted by the Ministry of Public Works, orders have been issued by the government to take into serious consideration the project of M. de Lesseps for an Indo-Russian Railway. Accordingly, a committee is being formed of the most competent men of all the departments to study the project, after which a second committee will be appointed to examine the terrain and decide as to the direction in which the line is to be definitely carried.

We trust that the Russian Ministry of public works will do much more than "take into serious consideration," the project of the Lesseps Indo-European Railway. Railways will do more than almost any other material enterprise to prevent the great European rivals in Asia from attempting to "subjugate each other," as well as to develop the enormous resources of India, to enrich its vast population, and to draw within the busy circle of the world's activity and industries, countries whose vast productive capacity is now drawn upon only to a very limited extent.

Our readers will be glad to learn that the grievance of exorbitant rates on messages resulting from the consolidation of the transatlantic cable companies is working out its own cure by stimulating competition. The report of the Direct United States Cable Company, submitted on the 31st ult., states that 1535 nautical miles of cable have been manufactured, and landing places in Newfoundland, Nova Scotia and New Hampshire, in the United States, and a locality for the shore end in Ireland, have

been selected. If further appears from the report that the new steamer *Parady*, 5000 tons burthen, built for the contractors, will be moored off Messrs. Siemens' works, at Woolwich, England, on the 15th of this month, for the reception of the cable. The subscribed capital of the company is £1,300,000, of which £1,056,521 is paid up.

Labor Troubles in Pennsylvania.

The following comes by telegraph: PORTSVILLE, PA., April 14.

The probabilities of a rupture between the workers and manufacturers in the Schuylkill and Lehigh iron regions are increasing. The trade at this time is excessively dull, yet the men are demanding an increase of wages. During the last few days general meetings of the iron workers or the societies of the National Puddlers' Union have been held in the principal cities, and have, in nearly every instance, been conducted in secret. The result of the national meeting which took place at Reading a few days ago, and in which 120 works were represented by delegates, is of the greatest importance, inasmuch as it forecasts a general "stand-out" in the producing trade.

A large number of the leading producers have determined to close operations, some even going so far as to declare an intention of suspending for the entire year. The following establishments are already suspended: Pennsylvania Iron Company, Danville, employing 2000 men; the Duncannon Mill, situated in Cambria County; the Cambria Iron Works, at Johnstown, employing 4000 men; The Susquehanna Rolling Mill at Columbia; C. E. Pennock's Rolling Mill, at Coatsville; the great Crane Works, at Catawqua; the Reading Hardware Company, Seyfert McManus & Co., Reading, and a number of others. Fully 12,000 men are idle. There are now fifty-three furnaces out of blast in the State, and, as an extensive manufacturer asserted the other day, by the 1st of July there will not be a single forge in operation.

The Late James Bogardus.

Mr. James Bogardus, the eminent inventor, whose name will long be remembered in connection with the first introduction of iron as a material for the fronts of buildings, died at his residence in this city on the 13th instant. He was born at Catskill, N. Y., on the 14th of March, 1800. In his early youth he came to New York, and has resided here ever since. Unlike most men of science, Mr. Bogardus realized in his lifetime a fortune from his various inventions. The first of these was an eight-day three-wheel chronometer clock, receiving the highest premium from the American Institute. His next invention was an eight-day clock, with three wheels and a segment of a wheel, which struck the hours, and without dial wheels, marked the hours, minutes and seconds. In 1828 he invented the "ring-flyer" for cotton spinning, now in general use. In 1829, he invented the eccentric mill, the grinding stones or plates of which, running the same way with nearly equal speed, has superseded all other mills in the large sugar establishments of the United States for grinding sugar. In 1831 he invented an engraving machine, which cut the steel die for the first gold medal of the American Institute, and many beautiful medals, and also imitation flagree work on watch dials, with rays from the center and the figures in relief, all by one operation. About this time he invented the transfer machine for producing bank note plates from separate dies, now in general use. In 1832 he obtained a patent for the first dry gas meter, much improved two years afterward by giving a rotary motion to the machinery, thus making it applicable to all current fluids. This was the parent of all diaphragm meters, the word having been first so used by Mr. Bogardus. In 1833 he invented and patented the first pencil case without a slot. Mr. Bogardus being in England in 1836, and noticing in the newspapers a challenge to produce an engraving from the head of Ariadne (a medal in very high relief), he accepted it, and produced a medallion engraving machine, which not only made a perfect fac simile of the head of Ariadne, but from the same medal engraved comic distortions of the face. This machine engraved a portrait of Queen Victoria, dedicated to herself by her own request, one of Sir Robert Peel and several other distinguished personages. He contracted with a company in London to construct a machine for engine turning, which not only copied all kinds of machine engraving, but engraved what the machine could not again imitate; and a machine for transferring bank note plates and other work. In 1839 a reward was offered by the English government for the best plan of manufacturing postage stamps, and out of 2600 applicants his plan was adopted, and a prize of £400 sterling was awarded to him. Vincent Nolte, author of "Fifty Years in Both Hemispheres," states that the Queen of England sent to Mr. Bogardus a like amount.

He now spent two years in France and Italy, and returned to New York in 1840. Here he invented a machine for pressing glass, another for shirring India rubber fabrics and for cutting India rubber in fine threads. He also made an important improvement in the drilling machine. The civil engineer, the Hon. William J. McAlpine, now in charge of the building of the new capital at Albany, expressed his obligations to Mr. Bogardus for suggestions in connection with drilling machines. In 1848 he invented a planetary horse-power, and a dynamometer for measuring the speed and power of machinery. He now put in execution his plan of iron buildings by constructing his own factory, at the corner of Center and Duane streets, five stories, 25 feet by 90, entirely of cast iron. This was the first complete east iron building in

Prices in Philadelphia of No. 1 Anthracite Foundry Pig Iron, from 1842 to 1873.—Tons of 2240 lbs.

Compiled by Wm. G. Neilson for the American Iron and Steel Association.

Year.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Average.	Year.
1842.....						27	27	26½	24½	25½	25	25	25	1842
1843.....	34	24	24	24	24	26 1-6	26½	26½	27½	28	27½	26½	26½	1843
1844.....	26½	26½	27½	33½	34½	33	31	28½	27	26½	26½	26	26½	1844
1845.....	26	28	28½	28	28½	28	29	30½	27½	27	28	28½	27½	1845
1846.....	28½	28½	28½	29	29	28½	28	28½	30½	33½	35½	33½	30½	1846
1847.....	31	24½	27½	26½	26½	26½	25½	25½	25	25	24½	24½	24½	1847
1848.....	35	24½	24½	24	23½	23	22½	22½	21½	21½	20	21	22½	1848
1849.....	21	21	20½	20½	20½	20½	20 1-6	20	20½	21	21	21	21	1849
1850.....	21½	22	22	22	21½	21½	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	1850
1851.....	21½	21½	20½	20½	20½	20½	20½	21½	21½	21½	21½	21½	21½	1851
1852.....	22½	22½	22½	22½	22½	22½	22½	22½	22½	22½	22½	22½	22½	1852
1853.....	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	1853
1854.....	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	1854
1855.....	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	1855
1856.....	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	1856
1857.....	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	1857
1858.....	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	1858
1859.....	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	1859
1860.....	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	1860
1861.....	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	1861
1862.....	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	1862
1863.....	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	1863
1864.....	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	1864
1865.....	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	1865
1866.....	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	1866
1867.....	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	1867
1868.....	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	1868
1869.....	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	1869
1870.....	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	1870
1871.....	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	1871
1872.....	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	1872
1873.....	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	23½	1873

*Average for year to nearest eighth. †Uncertain.
 ‡Lowest average for month, 1842—October, 1861. ‡Lowest average for year, 1842—1861.
 §Highest average for month, 1842—August, 1861. §Highest average for year, 1842—1861.
 ¶From 1842 to July, 1866, averaged monthly from weekly quotations in Philadelphia and New York prices current. From July, 1866, to 1873, averaged from weekly quotations in Bulletin of the American Iron and Steel Association.

Prices of American Iron Railroad Bars in Philadelphia for Twenty-six Years, from 1847 to 1873.—Tons of 2240 lbs.

Compiled by Wm. G. Neilson for the American Iron and Steel Association.

Year.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Average.	Year.
1847.....		71½	70½	70	70	70	69½	69½	67½	67	67½	67½		190
1848.....	63	63	63	63	63	63	63	63	61½	61	61	61	62½	100
1849.....	61	57½	53½	53½	54½	53½	53½	53½	52	51½	50½	51½	53½	100
1850.....	47	47	48	49	49	50	46	46½	47½	48	48	48	47½	100
1851.....	43	43½	47½	45	45	48	46	45½	45	45	46	46½	45	100
1852.....	46½	46½	46½	46½	46½	46½	46½	46½	47½	49½	51	61	48½	100
1853.....	74	16½	77½	77½	77½	77½	77½	77½	77½	77½	77½	77½	77½	100
1854.....	81	81	81	81	81	81	81	81	81	81	81	81	81	100
1855.....	70	65	62½	62½	60	58½	59	59	64½	61	73	63	60	100
1856.....	62½	62½	63½	65	65	65	65	65	65	65	65	64	64½	100
1857.....	65½	65½	64½	65½	67	67	67	67	67	67	58½	50	64½	100
1858.....	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	100
1859.....	49½	49½	49½	50	50½	50½	48½	48½	48½	48½	48½	48½	48½	100
1860.....	48½	48½	48½	48½	48½	48½	48½	48½	46	47	47½	47	46½	100
1861.....	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	43	43	44	43½	43½	42½	100
1862.....	236½	236½	411	411	411	411	411	411	41	43	43½	46	411½	133
1863.....	72½	69	72½	79	79	79	79	79	72½	79	87½	87½	76½	145
1864.....	91	101	101	131	131	131	131	131	115½	131	131	131	131	157
1865.....	125½	121½	116½	108½	90	84½	82½	86	80	92½	95	91	98½	157
1866.....	90	80	87½	84½	84	85½	86½	87	87	87½	85	85	86½	140
1867.....	85	85	84½	82½	82½	82½	82½	82½	82	83½	82½	82½	83½	138
1868.....	81½	79	79	79	79	79	79	79	79	78½	76	78½	78½	140
1869.....	76½	76	76	76	76	76	76	76	76	76	76	76	76	136
1870.....	74	72½	72½	72½	72½	72½	72½	72½	72½	72½	70½	70	72½	115
1871.....	68½	69	69	69	71	71	71	71	71	71	71	71	70½	112
1872.....	71½	71½	71½	71½	71½	71½	71½	71½	71½	71½	71½	71½	71½	112
1873.....	83½	83	83	82	80	78	76	75	75	70	61	61	75½	112

PHILADELPHIA CORRESPONDENCE.

PHILADELPHIA, April 13, 1874.

Everyone is still on the anxious seat for some final action by Congress relative to the currency, and all business enterprises are in abeyance until the result is known. The majority of our manufacturers are undoubtedly in favor of the measure adopted by the Senate, styled by its enemies "ultra-inflation." Whatever it may be termed, it is believed it will give us a demand for goods at decent prices, which will enable manufacturers to pay fair wages, and thus put a stop to the expensive and injurious labor troubles now existing. So many plans are awaiting this settlement by Congress of our money troubles, that it is highly probable a sudden and active demand will advance prices. In the iron trade many are discounting this, and furnaces and mills now idle are preparing to resume. The Cambria Works are reported to have resumed with full force in the Bessemer department, and partially in one of the iron rail mills. The miners are still out and the puddlers idle. A general review of the trade shows the locomotive and car works beginning to be busy on orders which promise work for some months, the bar mills with fair orders, and the furnace companies with more inquiry for metal, based on the belief that iron is as low as it will or can go. The steel trade has been busy for some time, and at prices which are said to be satisfactory. From all accounts a very active summer trade is expected to follow the settlement of the currency question, and a belief so generally accepted is rarely without foundation. The iron trade—or, rather, the method of producing iron—is apparently on the eve of some great and radical changes. A glance at the numerous new and startling processes offering, both abroad and in this country, shows that the bent of inventive genius in this line is turned toward radical innovations on present processes, if not an almost total departure from the previously accepted theories and practice of production. Thus, we find a process in England of simplifying puddling by the use of a mixture of iron coke, so-called, which consists of iron ore mixed with carbon in the shape of gas tar, and by which the iron is rapidly reduced in the puddling furnace, only requiring the labor of "bailing" by the puddler, and avoiding entirely the elimination of surplus carbon by boiling and rabbling. This meets with very marked favor from practical English iron masters, and is certainly a radical departure from the previous form of puddling. In France a process for producing alloys of manganese, titanium, silicon or tungsten with iron, by means of using a combination of the ores of these metals, or metalloids, with granulated iron, borings or sponges, which is wetted with acidulated water, and on being compressed in molds, becomes so hard as to resist the disintegrating heat of the furnace below the temperature of fusion of pig metal. This offers a radical change in the manufacture of spiegeleisen, ferro-manganese, ferro-silicon, ferro-tungsten and ferro-titanium. In this country a host of inventors are busily engaged in processes for utilizing waste ores and magnetic sands, and of decarbonizing pig metal at its egress from the blast furnace. Cheap and practical application of gas heats are also attracting great attention, and one inventor, Prof. Lowe, has applied a gas fuel to the blast furnace with a claim for very great economy. The processes described and illustrated from time to time in your columns show the extent to which men's minds are attracted to these subjects. The gas producing and utilizing rotary puddling furnace, illustrated in your last, and invented by William Sellers, Esq., of this city, is an evidence of this progress, and the machine, although apparently complex in design, would, it is evident, prove thoroughly practical and economical in working. Nor are the existing methods without their advancement. The introduction here of the Whitwell Hot Blast Stove, within the past year, has been extraordinarily rapid for a foreign invention compelled to encounter the prejudice against new hot blasts. Many of the best new furnaces are adopting this stove, both East and West, and its results in increasing the product of charcoal furnaces on the Continent has been simply marvelous. The application of two of these stoves of small size to a charcoal furnace at Wellerback, Prussia, have been followed by an economy of 15 per cent of pig produced and the possibility of using cheaper ores. Moreover, so fluid is the iron, from the increased temperature of the blast, that remarkably fine castings are made direct from the blast furnace. A sample before me of a section of some ornamental open work, similar to stove ornamentation, and which was cast in a complete cylinder, the design being an ornamental crown of open work and of some two feet diameter, presents the appearance of the finest gray iron casting, perfectly smooth and solid, although cast in the ordinary sand. Such results are certainly steps of progress, and serve to show the activity of inventive genius when spurred by competition.

It is now many years since the last great innovation in iron making, the discovery of the Bessemer process, was made, and while numerous steps of progress in other directions have been made, it would seem highly probable that the current or coming year may give us another and even more radical departure from previous practice in iron making.

City gossip has been unusually dull for the week past. The annual meeting of the stockholders of the American line of steamships was held, and the report shows an amount of receipts of \$577,692-02, and of expenses of \$534,372-27, leaving an excess of receipts of \$43,319-75. The greater portion of this was expended in necessary expenses in starting a new line, wharf improvements, etc. The steamers of the line are doing a good and growing business, and the prospects of the successful establishment of a large American line of steamers from this port are highly encouraging. The damage to the Pennsylvania has been repaired, and she has sailed again on her regular line.

The subscriptions to the Centennial continue to come in freely, and with additions from outside places, and especially from associations of mechanics, showing an interest in the scheme among the working classes. The prospects of a national appropriation are also improving.

The first official survey of the Girard Avenue bridge, previously noted in my letters as nearly completed, has been made, and it is said the bridge can be formally opened by July 1st.

In the list of weekly exports from this port for last week I find the following significant item: Bar Iron, 54,170 lbs., but whether to Liverpool is not stated. Locomotives to the amount of \$38,000 and other iron manufactures to a value of \$10,800 are included in the list, while coal to the amount of 2100 tons is also

noted. Thus are our iron exports slowly creeping up; coal is taking its place also in the reports, and before the resumption of specie payments in this country it will be seen that the exports of these sources of wealth will have had more to do with that consumption than all the legislation and financial theories of New England.

A number of new manufacturing enterprises in and near the city are projected, and await the return of business for active action. A liberal spirit is shown in offers of land free to manufacturing companies in our near-by towns, and the coming summer will doubtless see a very considerable addition to the manufactures of Eastern Pennsylvania.

Railway Construction.

The Philadelphia North American says: There is a little railroad activity perceptible over the country that seems to promise more in all sections. California has projected a narrow gauge railroad, eighty miles long, from Plumas county in the northeast, adjoining Nevada, through the Sierra Valley and along the eastern slope of the Sierra, to Truckee and the Central Road. In Texas, the Galveston and San Antonio Road, constructed through Harrisburg and Richmond to Columbus, has been placed under contract to the San Marcos River, and graded to within fifteen miles. It is to be actively prosecuted this season, with a hope of reaching Gonzales, on the Guadalupe—intermediate between Columbus and San Antonio. The road from Corpus Christi to the Rio Grande at Laredo, 150 miles, is also to be commenced at once. South Carolina expects soon to organize a company for extending the Spartansburg and Columbia Road north to Asheville, N. C., where it joins the Morristown road from the Virginia and Tennessee. This road is surveyed north to the Knoxville branch in Kentucky, and thus reaches both Louisville and Cincinnati. The progress of the Cincinnati Southern has something to do with the activity shown. The same motive may have some influence on the extension of the Savannah and Memphis Road, that is said to have been arranged. In Tennessee the progress of the Cincinnati Southern is the assigned cause for a road from Sweetwater, on the Tennessee and Georgia, 45 miles southwest from Knoxville, to the Tellico Iron Works, in Monroe county, 25 miles, to be extended to the Southern at Rockford. The Southern is experiencing Hoosac fortune for a time in the great tunnel because the machinery has not arrived. The work is, nevertheless, progressing north from Chitwood, and is being pressed between Somerset and South Danville, with the expectation of completing it a year from July. In Virginia the Ohio and Chesapeake has arranged to build from Hanover Junction, 45 miles southeast to West Point, on York river; and the road already graded in the Shenandoah is to be ironed from the Potomac to Front Royal, and graded south. It has been surveyed through the whole valley across the Ohio and Chesapeake to Salem, on the Virginia and Tennessee. New Jersey has just completed a second track of 20 miles between Boonton and Passaic, on the Boonton branch of the Delaware and Lackawanna, and in this State the Hanover and York Road down Codorus Valley, 18 miles, is being constructed.

New England is doing little. A road 35 miles long is to be constructed between Manchester and Keene, on the Cheshire, where it reaches the Connecticut Valley Road. The West is almost as quiet. A narrow gauge road, 65 miles long, is to connect Wabasha, on the Mississippi, with Faribault, on the Milwaukee and Minnesota, by the Green Bay Company, in Minnesota. In Wisconsin a narrow gauge is being built from Toomah, on the West Wisconsin, to the Wisconsin River, as part of the Chicago and Toomah. The Wheeling and Lake Erie Road, in Ohio, has been commenced, and a short road to connect Cleveland with Euclid. The summary shows life and improvement of it; but much less activity than was noticeable a few cars since.

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One Lathe, 12 feet Bed, 22 inch swing,

screw feed..... 300 00

One Large Upright Drilling Machine,

48 inch table..... 350 00

One Small Slotting Machine, utmost

stroke 7 1/2 inch..... 150 00

One 26 inch Gear Cutter with Cutters

and arbors..... 200 00

One 36 inch Gear Cutter..... 150 00

One 60 lb. Atmospheric Hammer,

Hotchkiss Patent, with lot of Tools..... 450 00

Two Planers, 8 feet Bed, with cross and

down feed, 27 1/2 inch between

and see that they do not commit themselves more than they intend. We do not know how the circular of Hall, Kimbark & Co. was worded, but we judge it must have contained a formal offer to sell the goods mentioned at the specified price, so that Mr. Hall argued it was an offer made to him by the house sending it, and all that was needed was for him to accept the offer and name the quantity he would take. We have not yet had the opportunity of examining the law of the matter, but the practical lesson is plain. At another time we shall have something to say on the legal aspects of such cases. The very cursory examination we have been able to give this subject has convinced us that the law is more stringent than is generally understood.

Charles E. Little, 59 Fulton street, is agent for Merchant's Improved Dowelling Machines for Coopers' use, and quotes them as follows: No. 1, \$5.75; No. 2, \$6.00, each, discount 25 per cent. He also keeps in stock a full line of Coopers' and Slaters' Tools, Solid Cast Steel Pump Augers and Reamers (stamped "C. S. Little, New York.") Wood and Iron Truss Hoops and Darlings, Brown & Sharpe's Machinists' Tools. The following is the revised list of Coopers' Adzes, Handled:

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On the 1st proximo the American Saw Company will remove their office from No. 1 Ferry street, New York, to their factory at Trenton, New Jersey. As most of our readers are aware, this company are proprietors of the patent for perforating Saws, an improvement by which it is claimed gumming is entirely avoided, and a great saving effected both in labor and files. We are pleased to learn that the up-hill and discouraging work which always attends the introduction of any important innovation on existing methods has been overcome, and perforated Saws, especially Cross Cuts, are rapidly gaining the popular favor, and may be considered a staple article in the trade. The company have established the following prices for perforated Cross Cuts with plain or fancy teeth (including "Champion"), for the ensuing season: Orders under 2 dozen, 68c. per foot, net; orders of 2 dozen and over, 65c. per foot, net. This is the regular price for these goods, and as the company aim to have the price uniform all over the country, they will in future decline to sell to any jobbing house that offer or sell these goods at better figures. The same company are introducing a novelty in Corn Knives, patented recently, and shown for the first time this season. The invention consists of a hook on the back of the knife, the utility of which is fully described in a circular which will be issued in a few days, and from which we extract the following: "The hook on the back of the knife enables the operator to raise the fallen stalks without stooping, and thus to perform much more work per day with much less fatigue than with any other knife. The hook is also of great advantage in bringing into the hand or arm those stalks that are too much scattered to be taken in at a single grasp." The knife is well finished, made from best quality of steel and warranted. The price has been fixed at \$5.75 per dozen, net, to the retail trade.

Sidney Shepard & Co., Buffalo, N. Y., have just issued their revised Catalogue for 1874. It is in book form and contains 264 pages, printed on fine tinted paper, cloth bound, and is as fully and comprehensively illustrated as any book of the kind which has come under our notice. The first ninety-three pages are devoted to goods of their own manufacture, such as Stamped and Japanned Tin Ware, Tin Toys, Tinners' Trimmings and a miscellaneous assortment of House Furnishing Goods, Ice Cream Freezers, Patent Stove Boards, &c. The balance of the book is taken up with lists and illustrations of the principal goods sold by them, and of which they keep a stock. It is the intention of the publishers to supply one copy of this catalogue gratis to each of their regular customers, to be packed with their first order, or forwarded by express, as they may desire.

The removal of Benjamin Callender & Co. to their new store, No. 115 Milk street, Boston, has called forth some interesting reminiscences of an old Hardware House, which we copy from the Boston Daily Advertiser of the 7th instant.

The changes which the thoroughfares of trade have undergone since this house, which dates its commencement from the year 1800, has been in existence, is thus noticed by the Traveller. The old firm of Jonathan and Edward Phillips began the hardware and cutlery jobbing business in that year at the corner of Union and Ann, now North street. In 1824 this was the oldest cutlery and hardware house in Boston. Mr. Benjamin Callender, at present the senior partner, entered the store of the Messrs. Phillips, then on Kilby street, during the latter part of that year. At this time Milk Water, Hugh, Oliver, Federal, Franklin, Arch, Congress, Summer, Pearl and Chaney streets, and other thoroughfares in that locality, were mainly devoted to residences and surrounding grounds, owned and occupied by the more wealthy of the citizens of Boston. At the time of the great fire, which occurred on the night of Fast day, 1825, destroying many of the buildings situated on Doane, Kilby, Broad, Central and other streets in that locality, the store of the firm was several times on fire, and was only saved by the most persistent efforts on the part of the firm and its employees. Edward Phillips, the senior partner of the house, died in 1827, and William T. Eustis bought out the stock and stand of the surviving partner, Jonathan Phillips. Mr. Callender was admitted to an interest in the new firm, the style of which was William T. Eustis & Co. Mr. Eustis, who was well known and highly respected in this city, retired some years since, and Mr. Callender became the senior partner. At the time of the great fire of 1872, when the firm was burnt out on Federal street, Mr. Callender had been in business in what is now known as the burnt district, as long, if not longer, than any other merchant in Boston, and now enjoys the reputation of having been engaged in the hardware jobbing or distributing business for a longer period than

any other person in Boston. Commencing on Union street, the house has occupied stores on Kilby street, Liberty square, Pearl, Congress, Federal and Commercial streets. When the house was located on Kilby street, it was on the site now occupied by the Revere Copper Company. At that time the firm paid an annual rent of \$800, and because this was raised to \$1000, removed to Liberty square, where it rented a store for \$600. The store on Kilby street, for which \$1000 was then deemed an exorbitant rent, now rents for \$6000 per annum. The members of the firm as it now stands are Benjamin Callender, Francis D. Hall, Chas. L. Bolles and George F. Wilder, all well qualified to sustain the prestige and character of the old house. In its line, the firm in the past has made no specialty of the goods kept on hand, but has offered, and will continue to offer, to its patrons a large and selected general stock of hardware, including cutlery and agricultural implements adapted to the wants of all sections of the country. The new store occupied by the firm is 125 feet deep by 30 broad, and comprises pleasant and commodious apartments well adapted for the display of goods on shelves or by sample, and in location and arrangement is one of the most convenient stores in Boston. The members of the firm will be pleased to meet their old patrons, and extend to all a cordial invitation to call upon them at their new store.

IRON.

American Pig.—We do not remember a time when the Iron market was characterized by more depression than at present. Notwithstanding the large number of furnaces out of blast, the quantity of Iron is increasing, and furnaces in distant parts of Pennsylvania and the interior of this State are pressing their Iron in this market. The best brands of Iron are held at our quotations, but for others these prices can be shaded. Lehigh Gray Forge is scarcer than any other grade, and is held strongly. It is reported that \$31.25 was offered for a large lot of Gray Forge of a prime Lehigh brand, without success. We quote for best Lehigh brands: No. 1 Foundry, \$35; No. 2 Foundry, \$32 @ \$33; Gray Forge, \$28 @ \$31.

Scotch Pig.—There is little doing, and prices are rather weaker than last week. Neither the position of trade here, nor the condition of things on the other side, is of a nature to reassure the holders of Scotch Iron. We note the sale of 500 tons Coltness on private terms. We quote: Coltness, \$39 @ \$40; Eglington, \$36.50 @ \$37; Gleggarnock, \$38, though this brand has been quoted very irregularly.

Bar.—Pittsburgh mills are sending Iron here at 2.55 cents, delivered in New York. The best Philadelphia mills are holding at 3.25 cents, while smaller mills are selling at 3.1 cents. We quote Eastern mills 3.1 @ 3.3 cents.

Rails.—There have been no considerable transactions in foreign Rails. We note the sale of 100 tons on board, at \$42, gold. 2000 tons of American sold at \$58, currency, at mill. We quote \$58 @ \$60, currency, at mill.

Old Rails.—We quote without change, \$40 @ \$41, currency, and note the sale of 230 tons, Bridge and T mixed, deliverable in Baltimore, at \$40.50.

Scrap.—We quote \$41 @ \$42.50. Some Iron can be had at the lower price, while other lots are held at the higher.

BRITISH IRON MARKET.

(Specially reported by cable for The Iron Age.)

WEDNESDAY, April 15, 1874.

Scotch Pig.—The market is quiet, with a declining demand. The amount of business is small, and prices are nominal. The following are makers' prices:

Coltness, No. 1, 88/6
Gleggarnock, No. 1, 85/6
Eglington, No. 1, 80/6

Manufactured Iron.—Little doing. The demand is small, and prices are weak. We quote: Best Staffordshire, Bar, £11 @ £13.

Rail.—The market is dull, with slight demand and little business. Prices are weak. We quote Welsh, £9 @ £9.10.

Failures.—The failure of an extensive Glasgow operator is reported. Also that of Samuel Osborn, File and Steel manufacturer of Sheffield.

METALS.

Copper. A moderate amount of business has been transacted during the week, summing up some 50,000 pounds Lake on the spot in small lots, prices ranging from 24½ to 25 cts. Parcels for future delivery are firmly held at from 24½ to 25 cts; from June to October, the latter included, but there is as yet no anxiety shown to operate at similar figures. There were rumors toward the close of some large transaction, amounting to several million pounds, having been or being consummated, part for immediate delivery and part forward. Should the transaction have been or be closed at the figure that was given us to understand, say, between 24½ and 24¾ cents, the main holders of Copper here would find their position considerably strengthened, and the large purchase alluded to in our last issue would probably turn out to have been a well planned operation from its conception unless England should suddenly drop to so very low a figure that the importation of Copper would appear a promising venture. To-day's cable despatch from Liverpool reads as follows: "Heavy Chilean charters have depressed the European markets. It gives no quotation; we presume, therefore, that there is no change from last week's, £8 for Best Selected, and £7.10 for Chili Bars. The manufacturers of Copper have been well supported, as follows: Copper Bolts, 35 cents; Sheathing (over 12 oz.) 33 cents; Braziers (over 16 oz.) 35 cents. Yellow Metal unaltered at 24 cents per pound for Sheathing, and 30 cents per pound for Bolts, net cash.

Tin.—The upward reaction in England alluded to as having set in, in our last, is making steady headway, and we trust the recovery may prove a lasting one. The losses since January 1st have been very heavy, and the metal seemed depressed to a level unreasonably low. On the 8th instant the London

quotation was £89 to £90 for common English, and £88 for Straits, while to-day it is £91 to £93 for the former, and £90 to £91 for Straits. The following is added in the despatch: "There is little obtainable at the enhanced rates, holders refusing to sell." The spot sales at New York during the week have been but small of any one kind, yet they have embraced all within the following quotations: Straits 24 cents, gold, Refined English at 21½ @ 21¾ cents, and L & F, 20 @ 20½ cents, while Banca commands 25½ cents, all gold. The market is firm, but unfluenced as yet by the gradual European improvement. The East India telegrams, dated Penang and Singapore, yesterday and to-day, go to prove, that the distant markets are looking up. The prices quoted are \$24 from Penang and \$25 at Singapore, with orders filling for American account at the latter place. The Singapore despatch adds: "The stocks here are quite light, and sellers are holding for full prices." Important telegraphic accounts are to hand to-day from the Welsh Tin districts. The strike had begun to affect production, 35 mills being on the strike, with no reconciliation in immediate prospect and more mills giving notice. The presumption is, that it will take from a month to six weeks ere reconciliation can be effected. Our Tin Plate market has not been favorably influenced by the strike as yet, but is firm; eventually it may improve by reason of a temporarily curtailed production. Sales of Tin Plates for the week, 1800 boxes at quotations. We quote the same as follows: I. C. Charcoal, \$10.25 @ \$10.50; I. C. Coke, \$7.75 @ \$8; Coke Terne, \$6.75 @ \$7.75; and Charcoal Terne, \$9 @ \$9.75, all gold.

Lead.—Although some 500 tons of domestic were reported sold since our last, at 6c., gold, we have been unable to trace the transaction to a reliable source; the market has, on the contrary, been devoid of all animation; higher prices, it is true, are asked, but nothing transpires. The market closes dull at the following nominal rates: Domestic, 6½ @ 6¾c, gold; common foreign, 6½ @ 6¾c; fine foreign, 7 @ 7½c, all gold; and American refined, 7½c, currency. The latter is gaining in popularity daily, and on the whole it cannot be denied that domestic Lead is fast and seriously superseding the foreign product in our market, an encouraging sign of our growing importance as a Lead producing country. We have taken great pains to procure some reliable data about its present production in Spain, and have corresponded with people at Malaga, in the business, for this purpose. All we have been able to gather upon the subject of Peninsular production of late years will be found on another page of this issue. We hear that the production of "Silver Bearing Lead" in Spain is at present much neglected; that common Lead they produce as heretofore, whenever prices in England and here permit doing so—which they do not at present. There is but a scanty stock of Lead in first hands in Europe, hence a lack of cable quotations. The stock in first hands is also quite light here. All will depend on our production; if we produce an unusually large quantity this year, present prices will be high enough for the balance of the year. The manufacturers of Lead are steady at the following rates: Bar, 8½c; Sheet and Pipe, 9c; and Tin Lined Pipe, 16½c, with a 10 per cent. discount to the trade.

Spelter and Zinc.—The sales have been 100 tons Missouri at \$6.90, currency, the 100 pounds, and 50 tons Silesian at 6½c, gold, per pound. We quote domestic, 7c, currency, and Silesian, 6½ @ 6¾c, gold. Stocks here of both foreign and domestic are light, and it is thought that the market will look up again as soon as Europe recovers from the consequences of the industrial crisis still going on there. Nothing of special interest has transpired in Sheet Zinc, which we nominally quote as heretofore, 8½ @ 8¾c, gold, for Silesian and Mosseman Sheet, and 8¾c for Western.

Antimony is steady but quiet at 12½ @ 12¾c, gold, asking figure.

OLD METALS, PAPER STOCK, &c.

Business in this market has somewhat improved since last week. Prices are about the same, however, with the exception of Oakum Junk, No. 2, which has advanced ¼ cent per pound. White Linen Rags and Canvas Cotton No. 1 continue still in good demand. There was also an increased demand this week for Hemp and Grass Rope. There is but little call for old Metals. The market is still overstocked, and the dealers are unable to dispose of their accumulations. The purchasing prices offered by the dealers are as follows:

Old Metals.—Copper, 18c. per lb.; Yellow Metal, 13c.; Brass, 13c. @ 14c.; Composition, heavy, 14c. @ 15c.; Lead, solid, 5½c.; Tea Lead, 5c.; Zinc, 4c. @ 5c.; Pewter, No. 1, 21c.; do., No. 2, 8c. @ 12c.; Spelter, 5c. @ 5½c.; Wrought Iron, 1½c.; Sheet do., ¾c.; Cast, do., ¾c. @ 1c.; Machinery, do., 1c.
Rags.—Canvas, Linen, 5c. @ 5½c.; do. Cotton, No. 1, 6c. @ 6½c.; No. 2, 3½c.; White, No. 1, 6½c.; No. 2, 4c.; Colored, do., 2c. @ 3c.; Mixed, Woolen, 2c. @ 3c.; Soft, do., 6c.; Gunny Bagging, 1½c. @ 1¾c.; Jute Butts, 1½c. @ 2c.; Kentucky Bagging, 3c. @ 3½c.; Book Stock, 3½c. Waste Paper and Scraps, 1½c.; Kentucky Bale Rope, 4c. @ 4½c.; Oakum Junk, No. 1, 4½ @ 5c.; do. No. 2, 3½c.; Tarred Shaking, 1c.; Grass Rope, 3½c.

COAL.

The coal market is without any definite change this week. Prices of Anthracite remain the same as quoted in our last report, and dealers say that there will be no change of consequence until the 30th of this month. The domestic trade has been very dull this week; retail dealers are not laying in their stocks as fast as was anticipated, and are only purchasing for their immediate wants. This seems to be a mistaken policy, as prices are now lower than

they will be hereafter during the shipping season. Dealers are acting with more caution than prudence.

The dealers in Bituminous Coal complain of dullness in business, although several large sales are reported. Prices remain without change. The quotations for Anthracite are \$5 to \$6, by the cargo; and for Gas Coals the rates are: West Virginia, \$8; Cumberland, soft, \$7 @ \$7.25; Westmoreland Gas, \$7.50 @ \$8.

The prices for Cumberland Coal at the different shipping points, f. o. b. are as follows: Baltimore, \$5; Georgetown, \$4.75; South Amboy, \$6.75.

The demand for foreign is limited, and prices are nominal. The quotations are: Liverpool House Cannel, \$20; Liverpool Gas, \$11; Newcastle Gas, \$12 @ \$13; Scotch, \$9.50.

The Coal transported over the Cumberland Branch Railroad during the week ending April 11, 1874, amounted to 4421 tons, as against 5276 tons shipped in the corresponding period of last year, showing a decrease of 855 tons. Over the Cumberland and Pennsylvania Railroad, for the same period, the shipments were 42,055 tons, against 50,612 tons shipped in 1873, a decrease of 7656 tons.

IMPORTATIONS.

Of Hardware, Iron, Steel and Metals into the Port of New York, for the week ending April 14, 1874:

Hardware.	Lang W. Bailey & Co.
Baker Hermann & Co.	Tubes, 74
Cases, 33	Mdce. pkgs., 25
Bars, 172	Mdce. pkgs., 172
Munoz, Son & Co.	Scrap, pkgs., 60
Scrap, pkgs., 60	Naylor & Co.
Fish plates, bbls., 1341	Phelps, Dodge & Co.
Phelps, Dodge & Co.	Sheet, bbls., 435
Sheet, bbls., 435	Page E. & Co.
Bars, 114	Bars, 114
Randolph L. V. F.	Rails, 599
Valable H. A. & Son.	Scrap, tons, 87
Scrap, tons, 87	Order.
Rails, 999	Steel.
Steel.	Drexel, Morgan & Co.
Drexel, Morgan & Co.	Bars, 73
Bars, 73	Hogan John.
Hogan John.	Packages, 2
Packages, 2	Hopkins E. S.
Hopkins E. S.	Bundles, 70
Bundles, 70	Naylor & Co.
Naylor & Co.	Cases, 20
Cases, 20	Alexis, 4
Alexis, 4	Tires, 1
Tires, 1	Mdce. pkgs., 2
Mdce. pkgs., 2	Prosser Thos. & Son.
Prosser Thos. & Son.	Tires, 32
Tires, 32	Piersons & Co.
Piersons & Co.	Bundles, 303
Bundles, 303	Cases, 2
Cases, 2	Order.
Order.	Bundles, 584
Bundles, 584	Rails, 2049
Rails, 2049	Bessemer rods, coils, 5
Bessemer rods, coils, 5	Metals.
Metals.	Byrne Joseph & Co.
Byrne Joseph & Co.	Tin, slabs, 378
Tin, slabs, 378	Munoz, Son & Co.
Munoz, Son & Co.	Scrap, zinc, pkgs., 5
Scrap, zinc, pkgs., 5	Phelps, Dodge & Co.
Phelps, Dodge & Co.	Tin plates, bxs., 17, 239
Tin plates, bxs., 17, 239	Barrels, 50
Barrels, 50	Tin, slabs, 1152
Tin, slabs, 1152	Rabira & Co.
Rabira & Co.	Scrap metal, pkgs., 6
Scrap metal, pkgs., 6	Valable H. A. & Son.
Valable H. A. & Son.	Scrap metal, cks., 8
Scrap metal, cks., 8	Wheeler E. S. & Co.
Wheeler E. S. & Co.	Tin plates, bxs., 550
Tin plates, bxs., 550	Windmiller L. & Roelker
Windmiller L. & Roelker	Zinc, cks., 17
Zinc, cks., 17	Order.
Order.	Tin andterne plates, bxs., 3711
Tin andterne plates, bxs., 3711	Antimony, cks., 4
Antimony, cks., 4	Tin slabs, 408; ingots, 1869
Tin slabs, 408; ingots, 1869	Lead, pigs, 1760
Lead, pigs, 1760	Without bills of lading.
Without bills of lading.	Tin plates, bxs., 1018

PHILADELPHIA.

PHILADELPHIA, April 14, 1874.

The feeling in Iron circles is one of improvement, and of more active business in the immediate future. The certainty of one or the other of the measures now occupying Congress being passed, either of which will increase the volume of currency and advance prices, has given the belief that Iron is now at the lowest possible point of the year, and a disposition is shown to purchase for future uses. Beside this, it is clearly evident that at present prices Pig Metal is being produced at a direct loss, and that there is no reason to expect any possible reduction in cost of manufacture in the future, at least so far as seaboard localities are concerned. The Western markets also show signs of improvement, and the reaction will early reach the East. With the renewal of the business of the country the truth of the theory of over production or too great productive capacity will be proven. A fairly active demand for the remainder of 1874 will, it is believed, show a marked scarcity of Pig Metal before fall, and consequently higher prices.

There is no change to note in prices, save a stiffening and absolute enforcement of quoted rates. In Pig Metal the demand is principally for Forge. Manufactured Irons continue as before, with a little better demand. More trouble is threatened with labor, the puddlers having, it is said, determined on a demand for 8½ per cent. of the selling price of bars as their future wages, an advance which will be resisted by the mills. The ore miners of Lake Champlain, whose annual wages are fixed at this period, will, it is said, be reduced one dollar per day, the wages now being \$3 for the same amount of labor done in other branches at \$1.50 per day. This action will be, it is thought, resisted by a strike, and considerable uneasiness as to the summer's supply of puddling ore is felt. Any scarcity of this would at once advance the price of bars.

Rails are in more request and inquiry, without any large transactions. Old Rails are quiet, but no lower, and Scrap is firmly held at previous quotations.

The following prices fairly represent the prevailing rates for Iron in this market:

Pig Iron.—No. 1 Foundry, \$34 to \$35; No. 2, \$32; Gray Forge, \$29 to \$30.
Bars.—3 to 3 cts. per lb.
Rails.—\$60 to \$65, at works.
Old Rails.—\$40 to \$42.

The sales include small lots of Foundries at quotations for local uses; 2000 tons Lehigh Gray Forge at \$27 at furnace; 2000 do. different brands at \$28 at furnace; 500 tons Old Rails Baltimore shipment, at \$41.50 in Philadelphia; 2000 tons Rails at works, at \$62.50, and sales closing of 3000 tons more of same, at about same figures. Small sales of Scrap, aggregating some 500 tons, and averaging \$38.50 to \$39.

Messrs. BLAKISTON & COX, 338 Walnut street, under date of April 14, write as follows:

The past few days has developed an inquiry for all kinds of material. There is more demand for money, and business prospects are looking much better than a few weeks ago. All those connected with the trade show a disposition to do business, and this, with the spring weather now upon us, has probably stimulated this inquiry. There is little or no change in prices, there being no demand in any branch of the trade to produce an advance. In American Pig there have been sales of 1200 tons Nos. 1 and 2 Foundry Iron at \$35 and \$33. Hoboken delivery, and sales of 500 tons No. 2 Foundry, delivery here, at \$32. In Forge Iron transactions have been limited, and good Gray Iron may be noted as scarce. The lower grades of Mill Irons, however, are obtainable at low figures. We note sales of 1000 tons White at \$23. We quote No. 1 Foundry at \$35; No. 2 Foundry at \$32 and \$33; Gray Forge at \$29 to \$31. White and Mottled nominal at \$25. Scotch Pig is not much inquired for, and may be quoted at \$40, Eglington, and \$42 for Gleggarnock. American Rails, (new), are held at \$63 to \$65, at the mill. We hear of no transactions Old Rails are inquired for, and we hear of transactions, but failed to learn particulars. There is no stock of consequence, and prices are nominal. Scrap.—No. 1 Wrought is in large stock, and sales have been made recently at \$41 to \$42. Cast is quoted at \$27, nominal. Bars are steady, and the mills are receiving new orders daily. Prices are unchanged, with 3 cts. as a base.

PITTSBURGH.

PITTSBURGH, April 13, 1874.

Pig Metal.—Trade continues fairly active, and as the feeling seems to be generally entertained that the lowest notch has been reached, buyers are taking about all that offers at current rates, hence, as might be expected, the market is considerably firmer, although, as compared with the date of my last report, there has been no quotable change in prices. It is said that the offerings are not as large as they have been, which is pretty good evidence of a stronger market, and, as a rule, it was on those who were pressed for funds that have been selling at the low prices which have prevailed for some time past. It is claimed by those who are in a position to know, that there is an actual loss of from \$2 to \$3 per ton on every ton of Pig sold at present rates; hence the situation is anything but pleasant for producers, and they are very anxious, as might be expected, for an improvement, the prospects for which are not very flattering. There will be, no doubt, as there has been already an increased demand, but the outlook at this writing is not very favorable for any material improvement in prices. If the currency of the country is increased, which, by the way, manufacturers here very generally are favorable to, there will, no doubt, be a general appreciation in values, Pig Iron included, but unless it is, there is but little chance to get prices up, and the result will be, sooner or later, general suspension by the furnaces. Good Gray Forge Irons may be fairly quoted at \$27 to \$27.50, cash, and \$28 to \$28.50, 4 months. Sales of some 3000 to 4000 tons were made within the range of quotations during the past week, and, as already intimated, there are fully as many, if not more, buyers than sellers at quoted rates. No. 1 Foundry quotable at \$33 to \$35, 4 months; and No. 2, \$30 to \$32.

MANUFACTURED IRON.—The market for Manufactured Iron continues very active. It is true, orders are not coming as freely as they did a month ago, nor is the demand so urgent, yet the mills have all they can do, which is evident from the fact that they are running to their full capacity. Manufacturers complain more about small margins than a dearth of orders; although there is no question but what close shaving stimulated trade, as there is no place in the country that can compete successfully with Pittsburgh at the present time. This is evident from the fact that while there has been a general stagnation in the Iron trade at competing points ever since, and even before, the panic, the mills here have had all they could do, and it is said that the production of Merchant Iron was larger here during the past winter than ever it was before in the same time. Our manufacturers are receiving orders from all parts of the country. Until of late years, we had to depend mainly upon the West and South for a market, but our trade with the East is now large and steadily increasing, shipment largely being made almost daily to New York, Philadelphia and Boston, and other Eastern cities. Prices have undergone no change; quotations may be given on a basis of 2½c. for Merchant Bars, that is for round lots, and one to two tenths additional for smaller lots.

STEEL.—There has been no falling off in the demand for Steel. Our manufacturers continue to report that, although running to their full capacity, they have all they can ship, and this will no doubt continue up until July, perhaps all summer. The Steel trade of Pittsburgh is growing every year. It is rapidly driving the foreign article from all the markets of the country, because of its being able to furnish an article equally as good as much cheaper. No change whatever to note in prices.

RAILS.—Orders are not coming in as freely as they did a month ago, yet the factories have about all they can do, and there is not much doubt but this will continue during the balance of the season. Prices remain as last quoted, \$3.80 to \$3.85, with two per cent. discount for cash.

WINDOW GLASS.—There is nothing new to record in regard to this important staple; trade, while it has not come up to general expectation, is fair, and is likely to continue so during the balance of the season. No change in rates: 65 to 65 and 5 per cent. discount off, Pittsburgh card.

The Pittsburgh Commercial of April 11th says: The sales of Pig metal reported below show about the same quantity sold as last week; but it is proper to say that for several days past the demand has not been so good as at date of last report, and the prospect for the near future is not at all flattering. Both sellers and buyers appear to be waiting for something to turn up, for we do not learn of any great anxiety to sell or buy at the figures quoted in our reports. We are reported the following sales:

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200 tons white and mottled, red short, 27.50—4 mos.	

The Mineral Resources of Texas.

We take the following from a recent report on the mineral resources of Texas:

IRON ORE.

The iron deposits of Northwestern Texas are of the most remarkable character, equaling in extent and richness those of Sweden, Missouri, New Jersey, and New York. They include almost every variety, magnetic, spathic, specular and hematite ores. The largest deposits of magnetic iron ore are situated in Mason, Llano, and more western counties. Immense loose masses of ore lie scattered over the surface, which have been upheaved by igneous agencies from unknown depths below. Most of these deposits are in true veins. As no true metallic vein has ever been traced downward to its termination, the supply is inexhaustible. The analysis of an average specimen gave 66-890 per cent. of oxide of iron, with 2-818 per cent. of insoluble silicious substances, proving it to be magnetic oxide, which will yield 74-93 pounds of metallic iron, to the 100 pounds of ore.

COAL.

The coal-bearing rocks of Texas occupy an area of not less than 6000 square miles, embracing the counties of Jack, Young, Palo Pinto, Eastland, Brown, Comanche, Callahan, Coleman, and extending to the Territory of Texas. The rocks contain the characteristics belonging to the coal measures of Missouri and other Western States. In general appearance this coal resembles that of Belleville, Illinois. The analysis gives: Fixed carbon, 53 per cent.; volatile matter, 36 per cent.; ashes, 3 per cent. It cokes with a great flame, without changing its form. The development of this valuable mineral is destined to be of great importance to the State.

Anthracites, lighter and more brittle than those of Pennsylvania, have been found in various parts of the State, but I had no opportunity to visit the localities. Lignites, tertiary, and other coals of more recent origin, occupy an area of 10,000 square miles—in connection with the true formation—at many points on the Rio Grande, in Webb, Atascosa, and Frio counties. They are mostly soft, sulphurous and ashy, but superior to German brown coals.

COPPER.

Copper, covering as it does a large area of country, is almost inexhaustible, and will afford a vast fund of wealth for generations to come. A large portion of the counties of Archer, Wichita, Clay, Haskell, Territory of Texas, counties of Pecos and Presidio, extending to the Rio Grande, is filled with immense hills of copper ore, some of which has been thoroughly tested, and will yield on the average 55-40 per cent. of metal. Through some particular localities specimens have been found as rich as 63 per cent., containing beside some silver, oxide of iron, etc.

Explorations of the copper veins over the summits and sides of the hills, justify the conclusion that within the extent of one degree of longitude, along the little Wichita River, hardly a tract of 160 acres could be found without large accumulations of ore upon the surface. The vein leads are parallel with the strata, but here is sufficient evidence that they partake of the nature of true veins.

LEAD AND SILVER.

These two metals are always associated together in this State. The calciferous sand rock, which is the lead-bearing rock of Missouri, abounds in Texas, and the varieties found in it here are carbonate of lead, sulphuret of lead, and molybdate of lead. The former two always contain such large quantities of silver as to be considered silver ore. A sample from a three feet vein in Llano county, gave a yield of 280 ounces of silver, 74-45 per cent. of lead. It is the carbonate of lead in combination with the sulphuret, and, owing to the large percentage of the former, will be very easily reduced. The indications are very favorable for a large quantity and excellent quality of ore. With a well developed mining industry established here, no other country could compete with this region, so far as regards fuel, construction timber, and materials for building and sustaining a railroad.

MANGANESE, COBALT, NICKEL AND BISMUTH.

Loads of manganese, cobalt, nickel and bismuth are often met with. The copper ore contains only 25 per cent. of impurities, is far superior to the ferro-sulphuret of copper, or copper pyrites generally worked for in England, and in native copper ores, as found at Lake Superior. It is easily smelted, and the strata in which it is found is more easily excavated than any other in which copper ores occur.

PETROLEUM.

Petroleum springs occur over a space of about fifty square yards in Hardin county, and it is probable that larger supplies may be obtained by boring.

A New Iron Works at Milwaukee.

Messrs. Bayley & Greenslade, proprietors of the Union Iron Works, at Milwaukee, Wis., have just completed a new and commodious establishment, which is an important addition to the city. The new works comprise the foundry, 40x70 feet, connected with which are an engine room, cupola house, and a number of side buildings, the blacksmith shop, 40x60, and the finishing shop, which is 36x70 feet, and contains three stories and basement, the latter supplemented by extensive vaults under the sidewalk. The third story of the finishing shop is the pattern room. From an inspection of the stock stored here, one gets an idea of the extent and variety of a business which has so many departments as never to know what a dull season is. There are, in the first place, all varieties of building work, cast and wrought, from a heavy column to a light ridge cresting. Then jail work, such as vaults, vault doors, cells, bolt work and blacksmith's work; then stair work; then cemetery work, fences and railings,

garden seats, vases and statuary, and finally stable fittings. Many of these articles are designed at the works, and others are prepared from the drawings of architects.

The number of hands employed will average sixty. An enumeration of the most important works completed by the concern includes the wrought and cast work of the new court house—dome, columns, porticos and railings to the amount of \$75,000; the vaults of the First National bank of this city, jail work at Winona and Fairbault, Minn., at Grand Haven, Grand Rapids and Bay City, Mich., La Grange, Indiana, and Jefferson, Wis.; a light house at Grosse Point, Ill., the insane asylum work at Elgin, Ill., and Oshkosh, Wis., and gas works at South Bend, Ind., and Racine and Janesville, in this State. They have under contract at present the jail work for Dunn county, Wis., Nicolet county, Minn., and 70 new cells for the House of Correction at Milwaukee. They are also engaged upon the insane asylum at St. Peters, Minn. With all this they have done some of the most valuable work upon the new water works buildings at North Point. The roof for the engine house, which is now being put on, is the largest iron roof in Wisconsin. It is a hip roof 88 feet long, 17 high and with a span of 66 feet. It is composed of angle and bar iron and weighs 35 tons. It was designed by Mr. Wm. Melms.

Needles.

The European manufacture of needles was originally carried on in Spain, yet it is to Germany that the mother country is indebted for them. When first exported from Germany they were called "Spanish" needles. They were earliest made in England in 1565, their manufacture, however, languished until the year 1650, when it revived. During the reign of Henry VIII. the London Needle Makers' Company was established and its charter was confirmed by the Protector in November, 1656, and subsequently by Charles II. in 1664. It is rather remarkable that so important a branch of industry did not earlier receive more decided encouragement. As now manufactured the piece of wire, which is ultimately transformed into a needle, is subjected to no less than thirty distinct and painstaking processes before it reaches completion. In the first place we see the wire in huge coils, which are cut by immense shears. The wire is again cut into the different sizes required, each length being so divided as to make two needles. Several thousands of these lengths are then placed within two rings, about six inches in diameter, made of rough wrought iron, and are then straightened by being rubbed with a hot iron. The wire is next pointed at either end, a beautiful process to witness, innumerable sparks being emitted during the operation, caused by the friction of the grindstone and wire, and which resemble a shower of golden fire. Some idea of the rapidity with which this is effected may be formed when it is stated that one man is expected to point 23 packets of 50,000 each in a week. The next process is that of brightening the middle portion of the wire, previously to stamping, that is roughly shaping the head and eye, without actually perforating the wire. "Eying," as it is called, is the next stage, and is done by girls with extraordinary rapidity and accuracy; a smart hand can punch as many as 40,000 in a working day of ten hours. They are now splitted, which consists in two thin wires being thrust through the eye, this operation is always allotted to boys. The reader must now suppose the needles in "sheets" which have next to be filed, that is, the flange formed by punching the eye is filed off, the sheets are broken in two, now first forming the distinct needle. The heads are now again filed and the needles then rubbed and hardened; next washed and "evened," that is they are sorted into particular lengths, and are now ready for "tempering," perhaps the most delicate operation of all, and which is always superintended by one of the firm. Picking, straightening and scouring follow, which latter operation, by the way, comprises about fourteen different processes and extends over a fortnight.

Artificial Flowers of Tin.

In a recent number of a Berlin journal we find the following directions for making accurate copies of natural flowers and leaves from ordinary sheet tin: The method is somewhat similar to that employed for wax flowers, but the dyes, of course, require to be made of stronger material. The leaf, or petal to be copied, is first oiled on one side and then laid lightly upon some dry plaster Paris, or very fine sand, in such a manner that the oiled surface is uppermost. A little bank of clay is built around it, and the mixture of plaster Paris and water poured in, care being taken to remove the air bubbles with a soft brush. Instead of plaster Paris paste, melted stearine, mixed with powdered gypsum, may be employed where the leaves are quite thick and strong. Very delicate leaves must first be painted over with a brush dipped in soap water, after which several thin layers of plaster Paris are applied with a brush, fine wire being introduced if necessary to give it firmness. The leaves thus prepared are either oiled and used to make plaster casts, or they may be coated with black lead and have copper deposited upon them by electricity. The upper stamp having been formed, the matrix, or lower stamp, is easily made from this. The tin is first cut in the required shape, either by hand or by a suitable die, and then pressed into the required shape between iron or steel stamps, cast after the plaster models just described. Each of the pieces required to form a flower, having been prepared separately, they are carefully soldered together, a stem and leaves added, and the whole object so bent and twisted as to avoid the appearance of stiffness. They may finally be painted with the natural colors, and varnished. These tin flowers are especially adapted to fountains and similar purposes.



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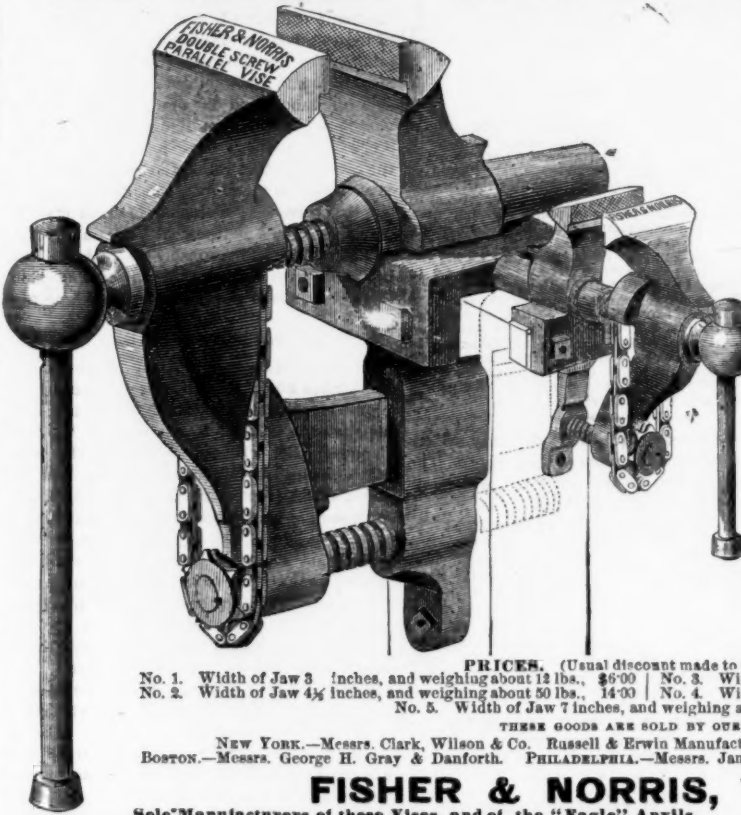
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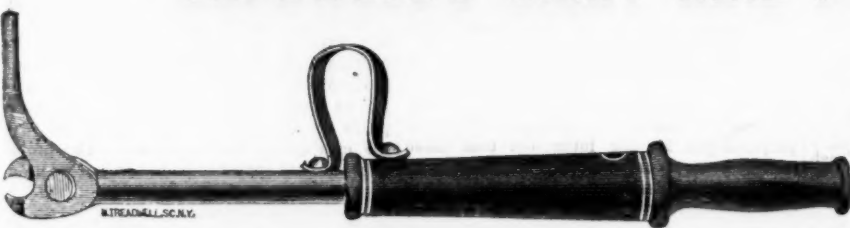
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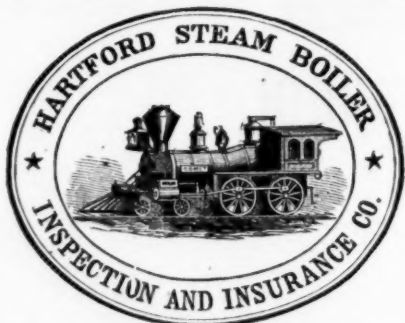
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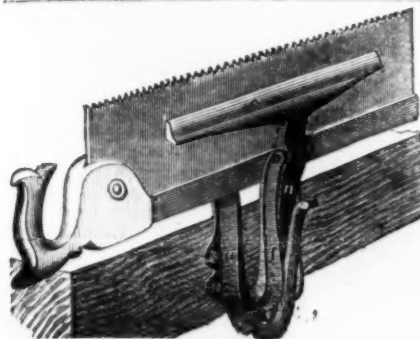
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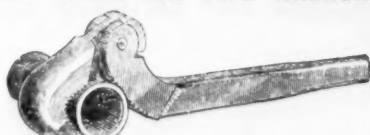
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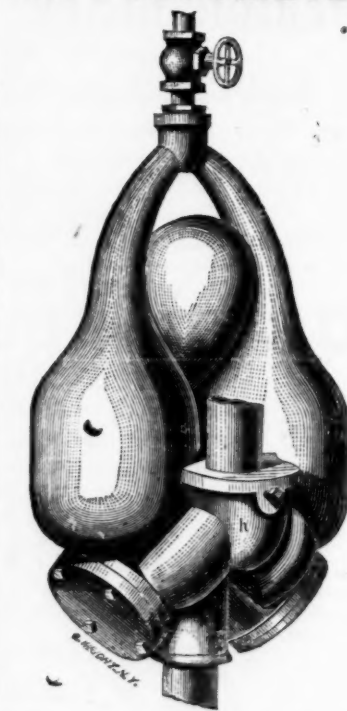
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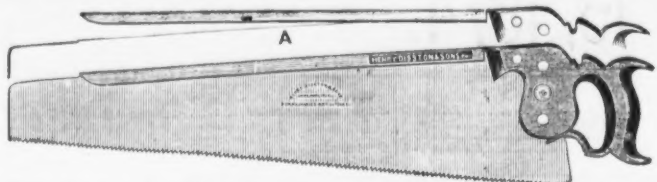
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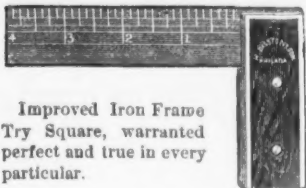
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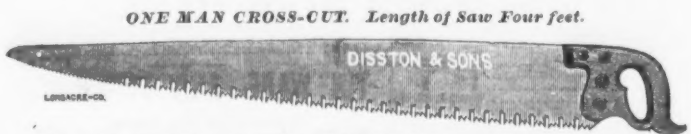
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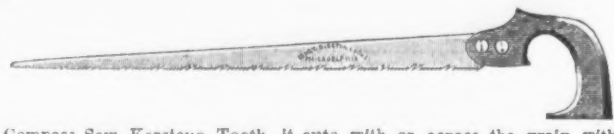
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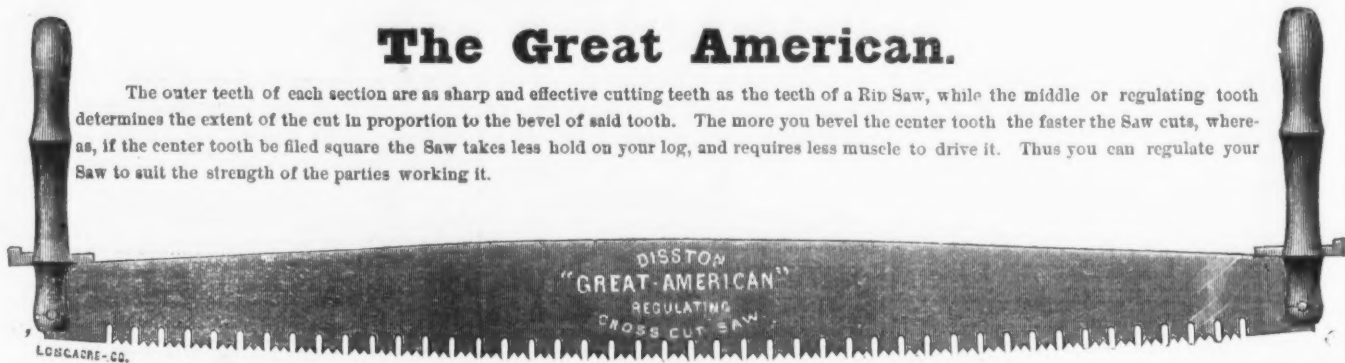
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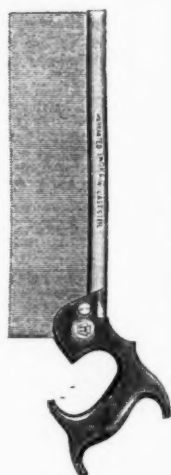
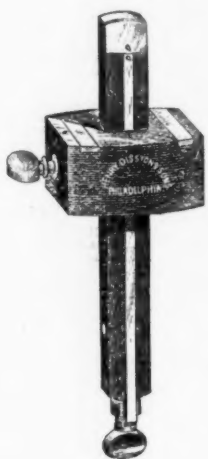
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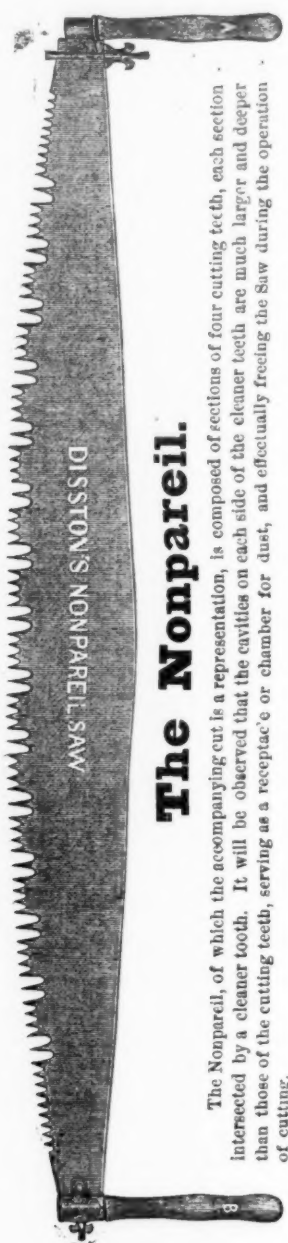
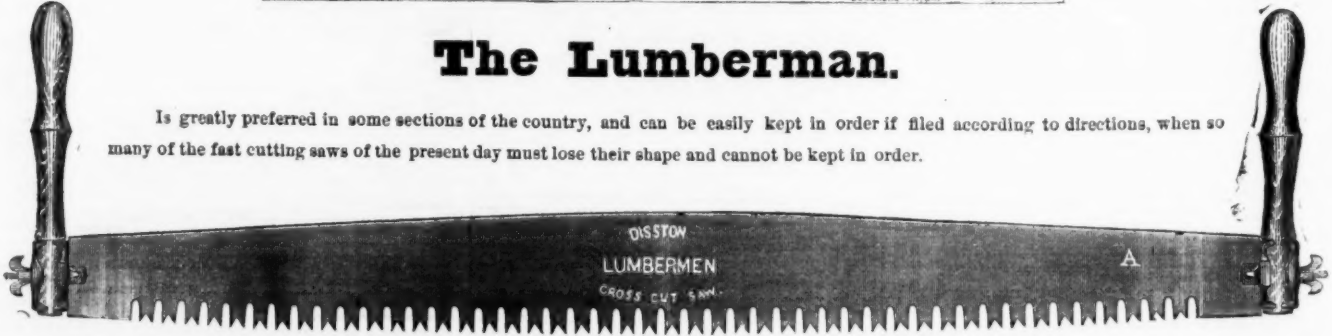
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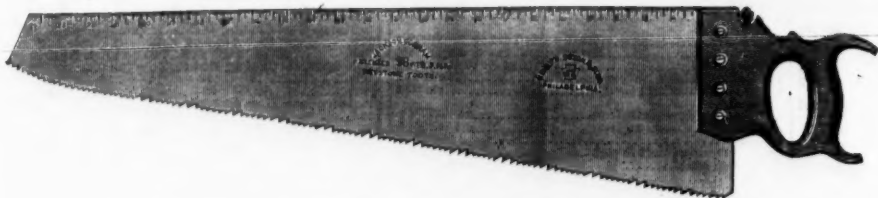
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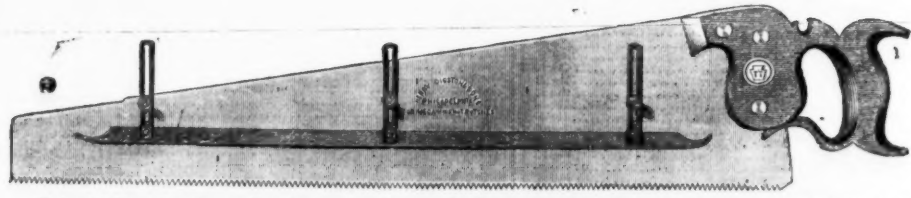


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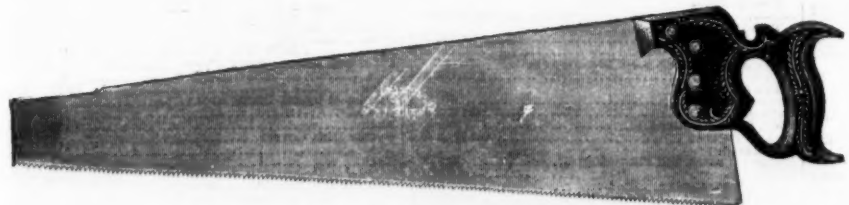
The Nonpareil, of which the accompanying cut is a representation, is composed of sections of four cutting teeth, each section intersected by a cleaner tooth. It will be observed that the cavities on each side of the cleaner teeth are much larger and deeper than those of the cutting teeth, serving as a receptacle for dust, and effectually freeing the Saw during the operation of cutting.



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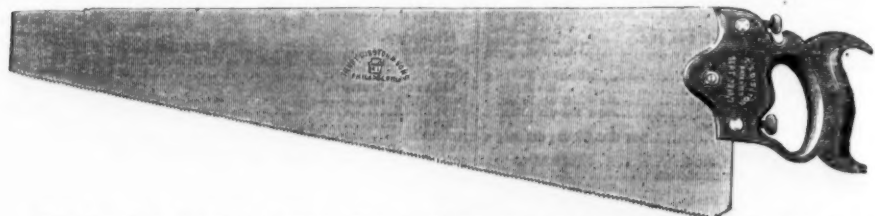
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do No. 2.....	10	14
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Carmine	150	00	00
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" in oil	10	00	00
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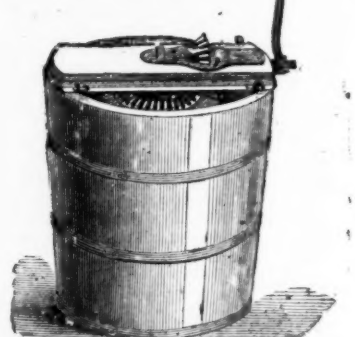
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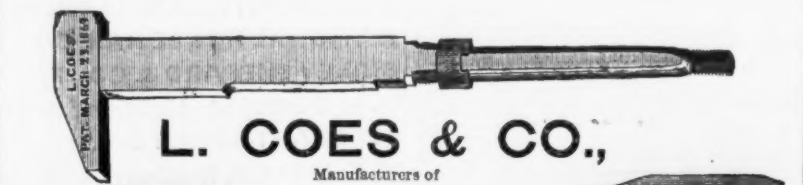
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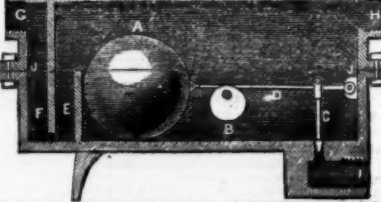
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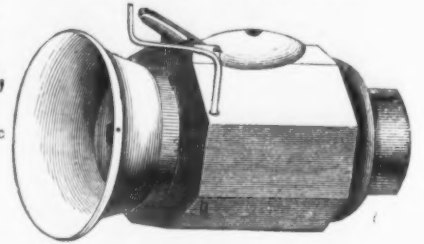
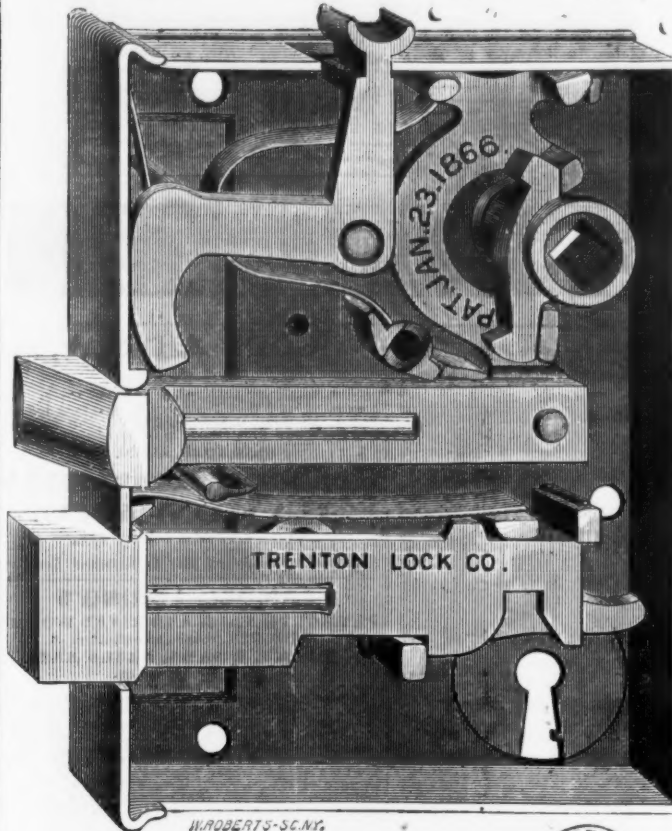
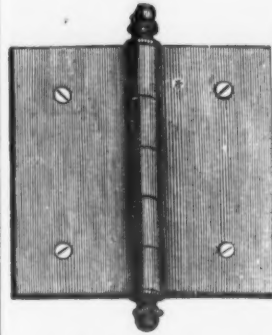
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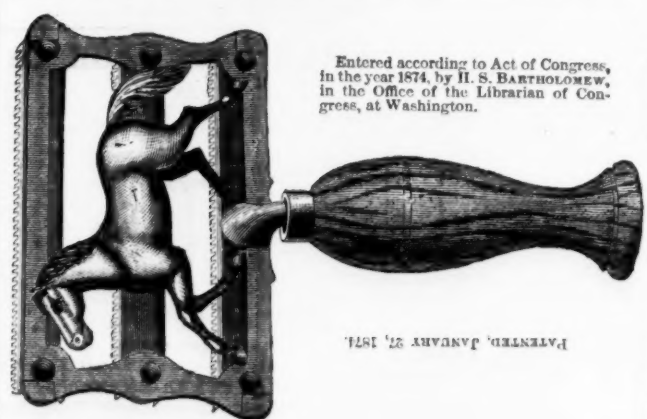
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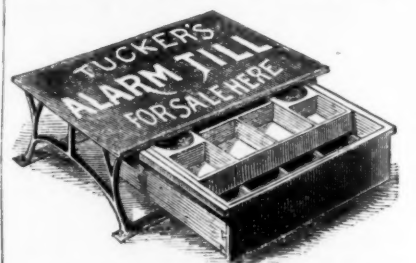
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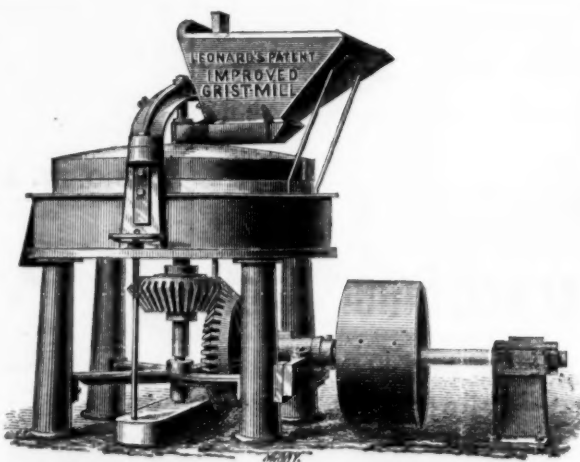
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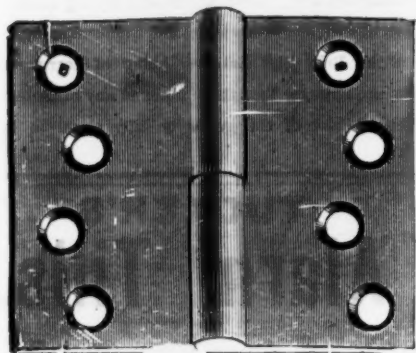
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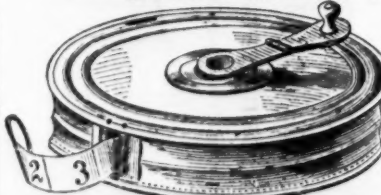
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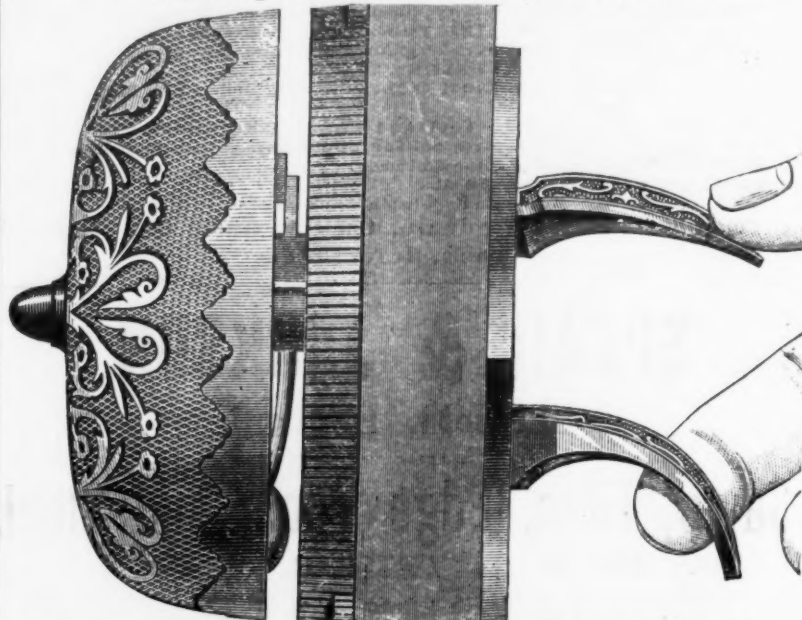
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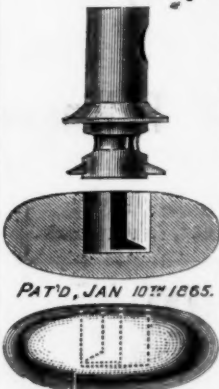
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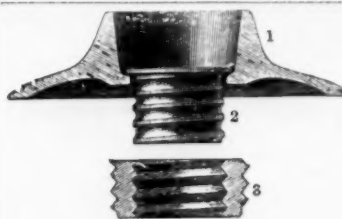


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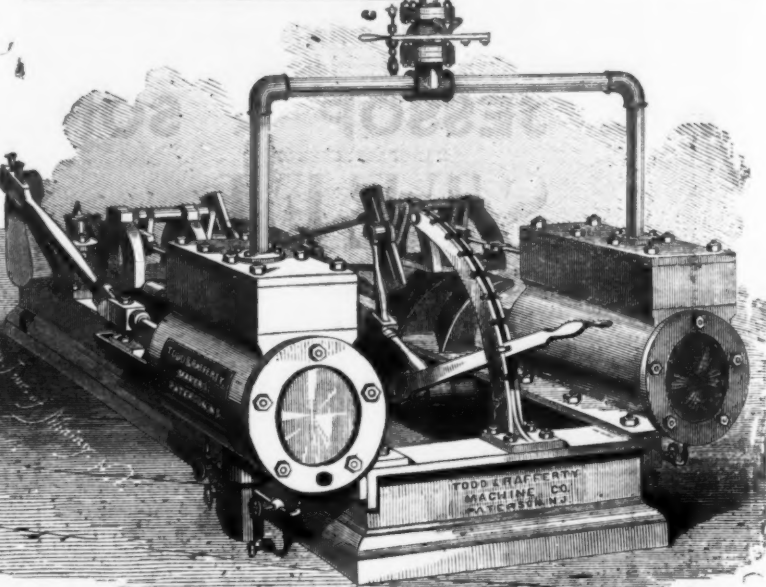
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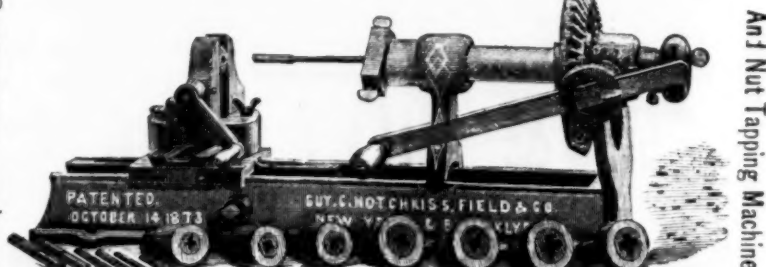
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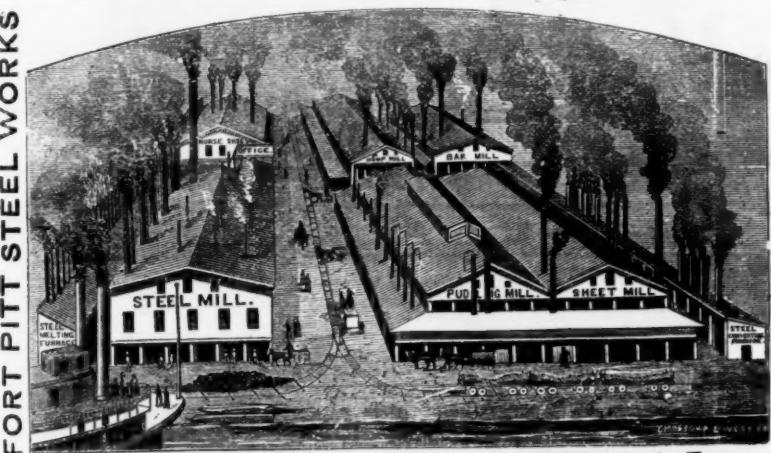
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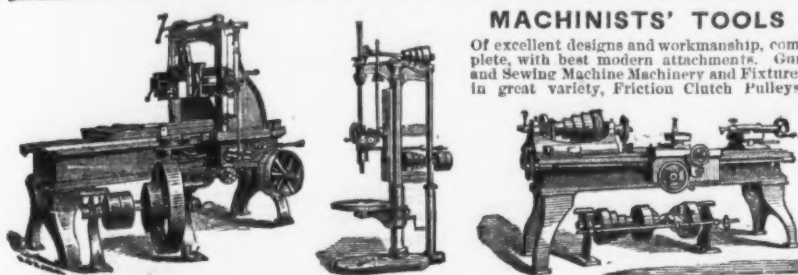
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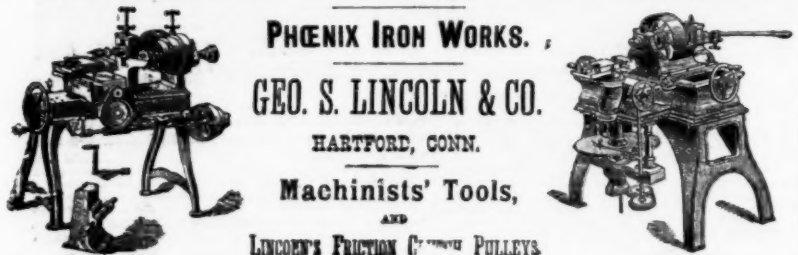
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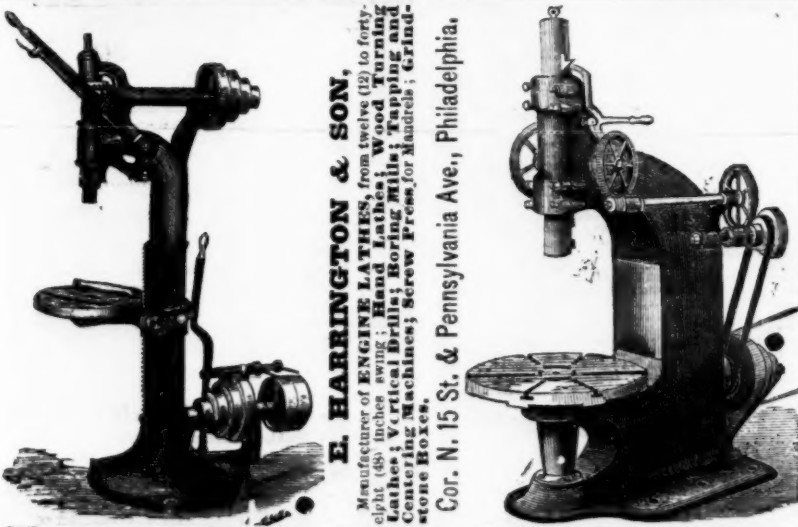
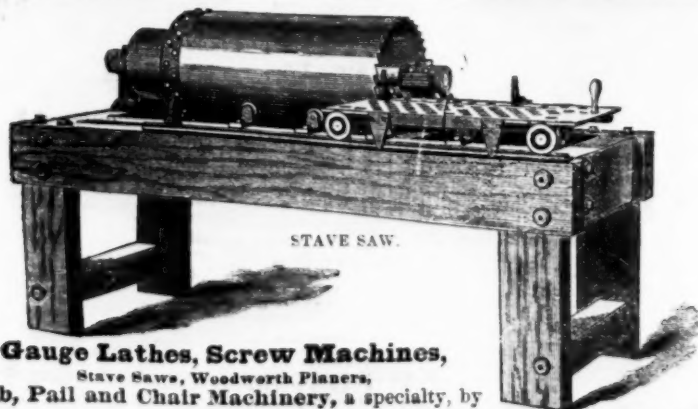
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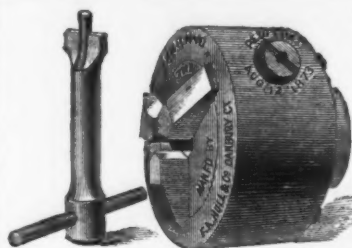
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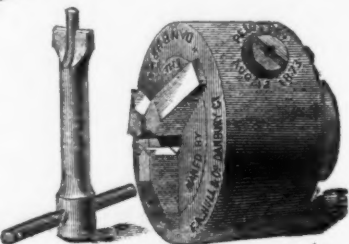
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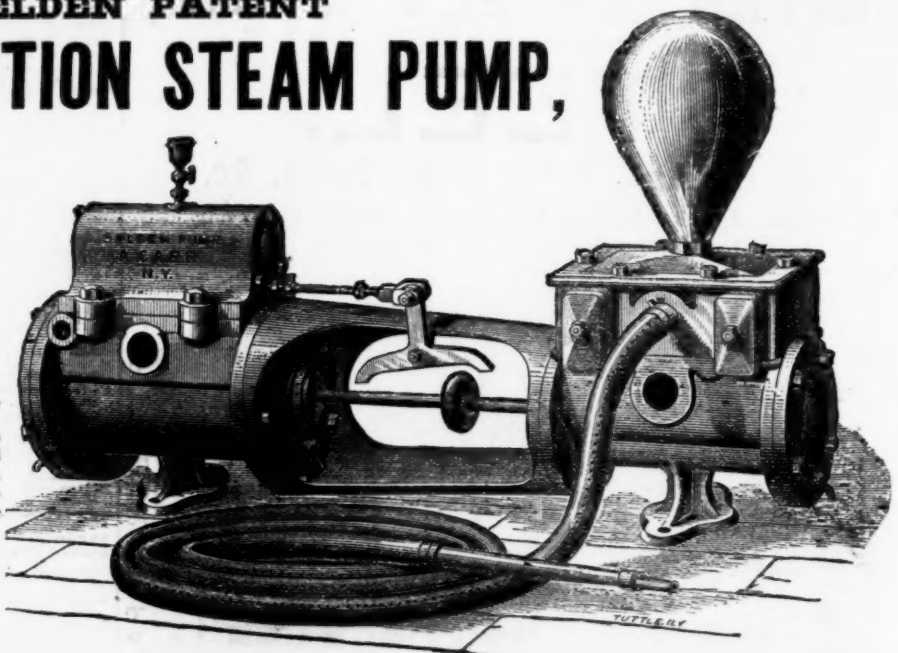
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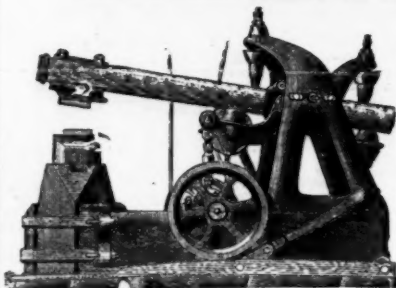
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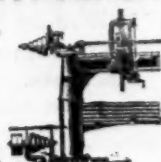


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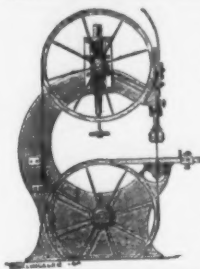
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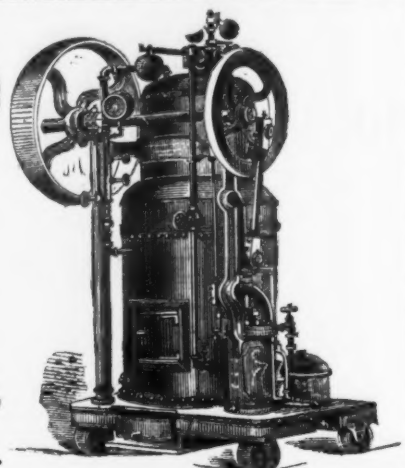
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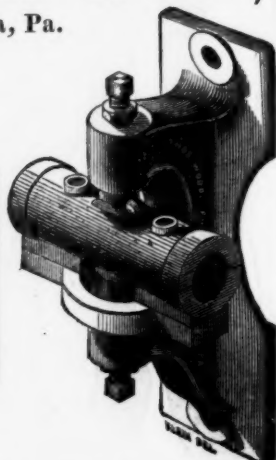
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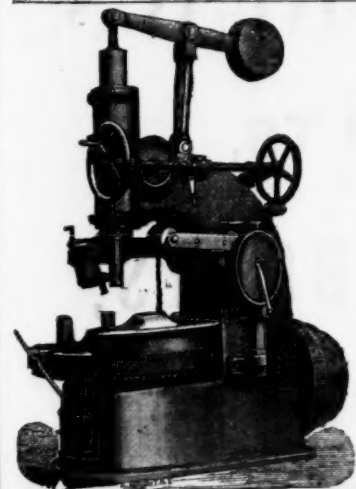


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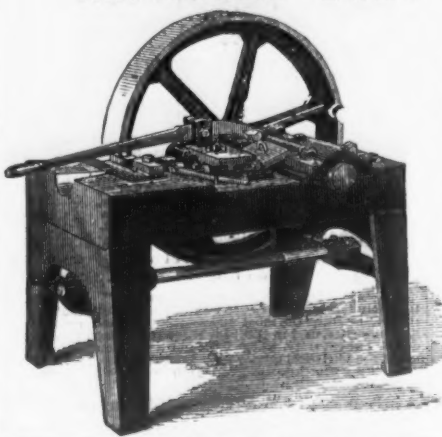
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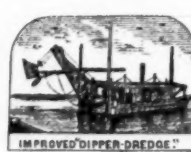
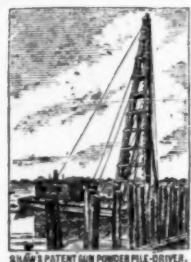
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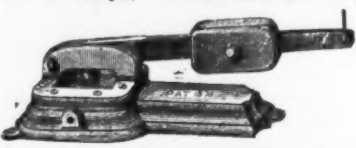
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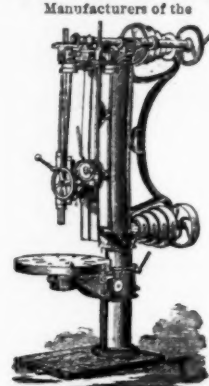


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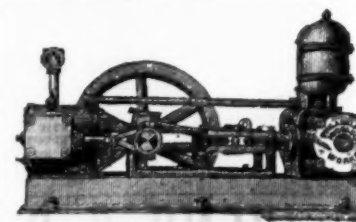
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